



SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

NEW TECHNOLOGIES, FRESH OPPORTUNITIES

FURTHER EDUCATION Course Guide 2020



**HERE AT SPARSHOLT
YOU'LL GET UP-TO-DATE
SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO
KICK-START YOUR CAREER.**

You'll be taught by experts, but it's not like school – we'll show you the theory and you'll use the latest equipment in our specialist facilities. From milking the College herd to teaching a group of 12-year-olds how to get to the top of our climbing wall, every day is different and every skill is another step closer to your future. Push yourself and learn what you love!



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Cover image: camera being set up to study captive welfare of raccoon dogs.

WELCOME TO SPARSHOLT

Sparsholt College is a unique place to learn and live, described by one of our students as somewhere "to learn, have fun and enjoy life while being part of a community."

As part of this community, Sparsholt students get to experience more exciting hands-on learning, visits and opportunities than we could ever show in these pages.

The technical and professional knowledge, skills and contacts they make will take them into their specialist career, further training, higher apprenticeships or degree level study and enable them to make a real impact on the wider world.

Sparsholt is a safe, caring and welcoming environment, reflected in our most recent Ofsted inspection where our Residential services for under 18-year-old students were judged to be 'Outstanding'.

We look forward to introducing you to our renowned subject leaders and welcoming you to our beautiful campus.



TIM JACKSON
PRINCIPAL



WHAT'S NEW AT SPARSHOLT

DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE IN YOUR
SPECIALISM WITH OUR LATEST FACILITIES...

THE SIR MARK TODD RIDER PERFORMANCE STUDIO – CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT YOUR LEARNING

We're proud to say our equine facilities are continuously improving and are now working with the very latest in simulator technology. We are only the second college in the UK to have a Racewood Eventing Simulator housed in our new Rider Performance Studio, officially opened by Sir Mark Todd. The state-of-the-art simulator uses motion control technology and will enable Sparsholt students to further expand their research in the growing field of rider performance.



FURTHER £2MILLION INVESTMENT IN ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE FACILITIES PLANNED FOR 2020



The Phase 4 development of our leading edge applied animal teaching facilities, 'The Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre', will add to the range of techniques, skills and industry know-how of our students. The National Zoo Academy already includes a licensed zoo housing a collection of over 1,200 animals from 200 species. This significant further investment supported by the EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership and

The University of Surrey, School of Veterinary Medicine will incorporate state-of-the-art digital technology including advanced welfare practices such as biomechanical analysis and animal rehabilitation therapies.

NEW 100 METRE OUTDOOR RIFLE RANGE

Sparsholt, the established Centre of Vocational Excellence in Game and Wildlife management training and education, now boasts the only outdoor rifle range of its size in a land-based college in the country. Approved by the National Rifle Association this impressive new facility, made possible by the support of TJ Transport, brings the opportunity to develop competence for those involved in wildlife management on a state-of-the-art new 100 metre range which complements the existing 25 metre indoor range.

EXPERIENCE SPARSHOLT AT AN OPEN EVENT

The best way to find out about Sparsholt is to visit and experience it for yourself!

At our Open Events you can tour our amazing campus facilities and get a real taste of our courses. Meet our friendly students and staff, find out about transport, finance, learning support, accommodation and Industry Work Placements and get to know us!

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

10am–2pm

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019

10am–2pm

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020

10am–2pm

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020

10am–2pm

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2020

4–7pm

THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020

4–7pm

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
SPARSHOLT.AC.UK**



Residential Services





SPARSHOLT
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

SPARSHOLT FUTURES



We welcomed local school students to our 450 acre campus for the first Sparsholt Futures event.

Four science fairs in one day in one amazing location, it opened Year 8/9 students' eyes to an amazing future of science, technology and engineering careers, showcased by our industry exhibitors and college teams. Drones in the air, small robots on the ground, virtual reality mixed with hands-on experience. It's not all about mud and muck – it's about science for a sustainable future!

Contact our Schools Liaison team on schoolsliasion@sparsholt.ac.uk to find out more.

EXPERIENCE MORE

 @SPARSHOLT_COLL

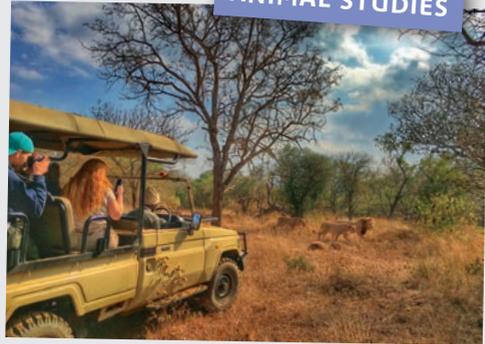
Sparsholt students get to experience new technologies and environments with so many activities and visits. Our social media will show you more, and you can see Sparsholt through our students' eyes on Instagram with #studentview

AGRICULTURE



A massive thank you to the Maize Growers Association for coming in and talking our students through the process of maize drilling! It was a very insightful talk and demo.

ANIMAL STUDIES



Our Animal Management students recently went to South Africa and learnt about conservation, animal tracking, tree and bird identification and reserve management.

ARBORICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT



An exciting day at Sparsholt! Students from surrounding Colleges joined our own Arboriculture students on-site, in a climbing competition run by @ArbAssociation.

APPRENTICESHIPS



Agricultural apprentice, Zoe, working hard at Chisbury Lane Farm!

CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Our students have been collaborating on an exciting Wetland Reserve project and their hard work is definitely paying off! #TransformationTuesday.

FISHERY STUDIES AND AQUATICS



Our students getting stuck in to removing small silver fish in order to create more space for larger fish in Devon.

SPORT, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES



Our Football Academy students had a great time helping out at Winchester City Council's Tri-Golf Festival for local primary schools. Our students left the Festival with some fantastic experience!

GAME AND WILDLIFE



Congratulations to the Land and Wildlife students that took part in the BASC Clay Shooting Competition. They did a fantastic job securing first place!

HORTICULTURE



What a fantastic visit from Joe Swift and Mary Berry to our RHS #ChelseaFlowerShow2019 garden 'Behind the Genes'! Featuring Sparsholt alumni and current Thompson & Morgan horticulturalist, Lance Russell, talking about all things #RHSCheelsea.

EQUINE STUDIES



Well done to our Equine students who pulled off a fantastic end of term show as part of their Event Management module.

THE SPACE TO SUCCEED

180 hectare farm including dairy, sheep, pigs and arable enterprises

Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre housing a range of exotic and warmwater aquatic species

One hectare lake, fed by spring water and well stocked with fish

Salmonid Rearing and Nutrition Trials Centre

Indoor Rifle Range

Outdoor Rifle Range

Sika Deer Herd

Sports Centre with a full size sports hall, climbing wall, gym, fitness suite and sprung-floor dance studio

Four football pitches

Equine Centre with new Sir Mark Todd Rider Performance Studio and Racewood eventing simulator, indoor and outdoor arenas, cross country trail, horse walker and extensive stabling

In-house sawmill for forestry and arboriculture training

Game and Wildlife Centre

Industry-standard Veterinary Nursing Training Centre

Award winning, high yielding, Dairy Unit

Westley Court Conference Centre

MJ's featuring Subway

Student Halls of Residence

Shop and Bytes Café

A campus in the countryside just four miles from the city of Winchester with all the resources you need to succeed in your specialism.

We're constantly updating and developing our facilities so our students can benefit from the latest equipment and industry practice.

We are proud of our ISO 14001 2015 Environmental Management Certification accreditation and are always striving to make positive changes.

Animal Management Centre with zoo licence, home of the National Zoo Academy and nationally recognised for its collection

BBC Radio 4 Gardeners' Question Time garden and the famous 'Potting Shed'

Library with excellent IT access and online resources

Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice including tropical glasshouses and an established orchard

Engineering Centre with agricultural and motor vehicle engineering, including welding, analytics, fabrication and fast fit

Engineering Centre rainwater harvesting saves around 260m³ of mains water each year

Specialist industry standard laboratories and equipment

Student Halls of Residence



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR FACILITIES AT SPARSHOLT.AC.UK

LIFE AT SPARSHOLT

There is so much to being a Sparsholt student – fun things to do, great places to eat and sociable accommodation. Whether you live on campus or travel in every day, there is always something going on.



FUN AND FITNESS

With a sports centre including large sports hall, exercise studio, a fully equipped gym and a purpose built 8m x 30m indoor climbing wall, plus almost six hectares of sports fields for football and lots of routes to walk or run around our beautiful campus, now is the time to get involved and keep fit!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Pick from a full range of sandwiches and snacks, or get a takeaway Costa at our shop. You'll find Subway in MJ's, and Bytes Café has breakfast, lunch and dinner on offer, along

with a Starbucks outlet. Fit Jyms is open in the evenings with soft drinks, milkshakes and alcohol (strictly for the over 18s) where you can grab a bite to eat too.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Our Residential Enrichment Officer makes sure there's lots happening on campus. We organise a wide range of social events and activities for residential and non-residential students including several parties and balls, on and off-site sports activities, team games and much more. Residential students also get regular shopping trips – for the everyday essentials as well as a bit of retail therapy.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Each year around 400 students make our on-site accommodation their home. Our residential provision was rated as 'OUTSTANDING' by Ofsted so you'll be well looked after, with all the support you need to settle in. You can focus on your studies and turn up to your classes feeling refreshed and ready to go with next to no travel-to-college time!

Depending on your age, you can choose between a range of en-suite and shared facilities, either self-catered or with an inclusive

meal package. Our Residential Support team are on duty 24 hours a day and are all dedicated to supporting and looking after our students.

Visit sparsholt.ac.uk/accommodation for more information on fees and the financial support available to help towards accommodation costs; bursaries are also available.

STRUGGLING WITH ACCOMMODATION COSTS? FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BURSARIES ON PAGE 123.

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

OUR RESIDENTIAL PROVISION IS RATED AS 'OUTSTANDING' BY OFSTED



"As a residential student you interact more with people from all over the country, I've made lots of friends and lots of memories to go with them. The social events such as the Summer and Christmas balls are definitely among my best memories."

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Our Wellbeing team are always here for you, offering confidential help with things like your finances, relationships, family, travel and health matters. You will have a pastoral tutor to guide and help you with any challenges you might have and there is also a counselling service for more in-depth support. You will have access to careers guidance at every point of your journey into and through Sparsholt so you can make informed choices about your study and next steps.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

Our Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' Residential Support team are here to help make your time at Sparsholt, safe, fun and memorable. Our experienced and dedicated team is made up of a 24-hour team of Residential Support Wardens and a Residential Enrichment Officer and we ensure that all resident 16–18-year-olds are given additional support so that they are fully safeguarded while under our care.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support team offer all the help you need to reach your potential. That could be a specific learning need like dyslexia or dyspraxia, or general help with spelling, grammar and writing assignments. You can access timetabled or drop-in support – your studies, your choice.

ENGLISH AND MATHS

You will need English and Maths for most jobs and if you want to go on to university. So if you are 16–18 and haven't achieved a GCSE Level 4/grade C in English or Maths we will provide additional study time for you to re-sit the course alongside your main programme of study. For more information, please see page 62.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Close to the historic city of Winchester, Stonehenge, on the edge of the New Forest and just an hour from London, Sparsholt College has an international reputation and attracts students from across the world. See page 120 for important information about fees and eligibility.

INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENTS

Industry Work Placements are a win-win for both students and employers! They provide you with an average of 350 hours of practical experience directly relating to your course, playing a key role in further developing technical and employability skills to match your career aspirations and employment opportunities.

We offer a fantastic choice of work placements across all our vocational areas and our Industry Work Placements team will be here to support and guide you through the process and find the right employer for you. To find out more call **01962 797415** or email **iwp@sparsholt.ac.uk**

CAREERS GUIDANCE

Our Careers team can help you every step of the way with your next steps, such as UCAS applications, job search and interview preparation. Based in our Careers Hub you'll find easily accessible information, advice and guidance. For more information go to **sparsholt.ac.uk/careers-advice**

MATURE STUDENTS

We have lots of older students at Sparsholt College due to the specialist nature of the courses we offer. Whether you're returning to study or choosing to retrain with our expert staff and in our industry-standard facilities you will not be alone.

Come along to an Open Event to talk about funding such as an Advanced Learner Loan and the application process. Our teaching teams will be available to discuss the course and your qualifications and experience, and whether your work experience can count towards your qualification.



“I think work placements are a brilliant thing – they give the student a real insight to know if the industry is right for them.”

KAREN

AFTERSALES MANAGER, C&O TRACTORS

YOUR TECH TOOLKIT

In our library you can find specialist books and online journals, jump onto the suite of computers for research or focus on your work in a quiet, dedicated study space.

Our Learning Technology Coaches are also based here, along with their latest equipment. Current students with a keen interest in technology, they are always exploring new opportunities to use this in learning, such as flying the drone over a crop to check growth patterns or helping create an impressive digital portfolio using Mahara.



“My job as a Sparsholt Learning Technology coach has also given me new skills with a wide variety of technology such as the drone, the 360° camera, Virtual Reality headsets, the Swivl, Mahara and Moodle. I will be able to use these skills when it comes to future research, like using a drone for nature surveys, and I will then be able to apply this to future jobs as well.”

RACHAEL

LEARNING TECHNOLOGY COACH

ALL STUDENTS ALSO GET ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING ONLINE FACILITIES TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDIES ANYTIME, ANYWHERE:



Moodle

Access your course material anytime, anywhere via Moodle.



Mahara

Create digital portfolios of your learning and collaborate with coursemates on Mahara.



Office 365

Access Office 365 on the web and download Microsoft Office on up to five devices for FREE!



WAM

Connect with your lecturers, tutor group and coursemates on WAM.



Tech Access and Support

Access PCs and laptops and get help with your technology and resource needs.



Athens

Access our online resources off-campus through the Athens gateway.



Heritage

Find details of all our books, ebooks and online videos in our catalogue.



MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST

Take your study skills to the next level with our short course to become a Microsoft Office Specialist. Widely recognised by employers this certificate will validate and prove your skills in universally used packages like Excel, PowerPoint and Word. Not only that – it will help you present your coursework and assignments professionally, getting you ready for your next step into employment or further study.

**GET AHEAD OF THE
PACK WITH THIS
SHORT, FREE COURSE.**



Gold standard degree

TEACHING AND FACILITIES

Stay here, go far and progress from your Level 3 or Access Course on to a degree.

We have a thriving degree programme at Sparsholt so it is natural for our Level 3 students to continue their higher-level studies at our University Centre. The Centre, which is rated TEF Gold for the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, offers Foundation, Bachelor and Master's degrees so you can go much further than you think at Sparsholt. Our degrees are validated by the prestigious University of Portsmouth (UoP), also holding a TEF Gold award.

During your time studying further education at Sparsholt you will also benefit from the higher-level facilities and equipment used for degree level study and will attend lectures and presentations from our expert University Centre lecturers.

FIND OUT MORE AT
SPARSHOLT.AC.UK/UNIVERSITY-CENTRE

97%

of graduates progressed to employment or further study (DLHE 2017)

89%

Overall Student Satisfaction (NSS 2019)



Teaching Excellence Framework

UNIVERSITY CENTRE
SPARSHOLT



Degrees at Sparsholt:

ANIMAL SCIENCE AND ZOO BIOLOGY

- FdSc Animal Management and Applied Science
- FdSc Applied Zoo Science
- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science
- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour
- BSc (Hons) Zoo Biology
- MSc Applied Zoo Biology

EQUESTRIAN SCIENCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- FdSc and BSc (Hons) Equestrian Performance Management
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- MSc Equine Behaviour Performance and Training

FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND MARINE STUDIES

- FdSc Sports Fisheries and Aquaculture
- FdSc Marine Ecology and Conservation
- BSc (Hons) Aquaculture and Fishery Management

VETERINARY NURSING SCIENCE

- FdSc Veterinary Nursing Science

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

- FdSc and BSc Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.

Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre



“I knew I wanted to get a degree in the Fishery industry. I've loved learning in a practical setting and the lecturers have been so helpful; sharing their own bespoke experiences and helping me become a future expert in my field.”

KENNEDY

BSc (Hons) AQUACULTURE AND FISHERY MANAGEMENT





STEPS TO YOUR FUTURE

RESEARCH

Choose the course area you're interested in and check the entry requirements to see which level is best for you.

VISIT

We have Open Events throughout the year so you can see our beautiful campus for yourself and meet tutors and students! Find dates on page 6, the back cover and online at sparsholt.ac.uk



ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Boost your employability with practical skills for your future.

INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT

Speak to our specialist team about securing an Industry Work Placement that works for you.

Trips and visits from industry experts provide information about careers after college.



Study tours are educational and fun.

EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS

*Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre



APPLY

Apply at sparsholt.ac.uk. We will then invite you for interview. Your parents or guardians are more than welcome to come with you.

APPLICANT WELCOME DAYS

We'll invite you in for a college session in your chosen subject – you can see the campus and tutors again and meet your classmates-to-be!

ENROLMENT AND INDUCTION

You'll be invited in to enrol just after GCSEs (we'll write to you in the summer with the date).

Our Flying Start programme means there's lots of flexibility in your first few weeks. We give you time and guidance to make sure you're on the right course and level.

Personal Tutors provide guidance throughout your course to support you to plan your future.

ON THE COURSE

SUPPORT WITH NEXT STEPS

Our Careers Advisors can help with UCAS applications, job search and interview preparation. Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.*

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

We love to keep in touch with our students and learn about the journeys they take after completing college. Students often return to inspire our current learners and many progress on to University Centre Sparsholt and other uni's.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL

LEVEL 3

ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA/EXTENDED DIPLOMA

DIPLOMA – ONE YEAR

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English or Maths and Science/relevant Level 2 with at least three units at Merit.

Could lead to:

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma, university/higher education or employment including apprenticeships.

EXTENDED DIPLOMA – TWO YEARS

Entry requirements:

English and Maths GCSE at 4/C, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4/C or Level 2 at Merit level.

Please check individual courses for specific subject requirements.

Could lead to:

University/higher education or employment including apprenticeships.

LEVEL 2

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE – ONE YEAR

Entry requirements:

GCSE English and Maths at grade 3/D, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3/D or above, or a Level 1 qualification.

Could lead to:

Employment, Level 3 course or apprenticeship.

LEVEL 1

CERTIFICATE – ONE YEAR

Entry requirements:

GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or an Entry–Level 3 course.

Could lead to:

Employment, Level 2 course or apprenticeship.

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

For students with support needs (LDD):

to develop confidence and social skills for further learning and independent living.

Could lead to:

Independent living, Level 1 course or employment.

UCAS POINTS FOR UNIVERSITY

Did you know Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications and BTECs give you valuable UCAS points just like A Levels so they are a solid route to university. Don't forget that additional qualifications such as some BHS (British Horse Society) qualifications also give you UCAS points.

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	UCAS Points†	A Level
D*	112–168	A* A*/A* A* A*
D	96–144	A A/A A A
M	64–96	C C/C C C
P	32–48	E E/E E E



GET UCAS TARIFF POINTS FROM LEVEL 3 COURSES TO TAKE YOU TO UNIVERSITY

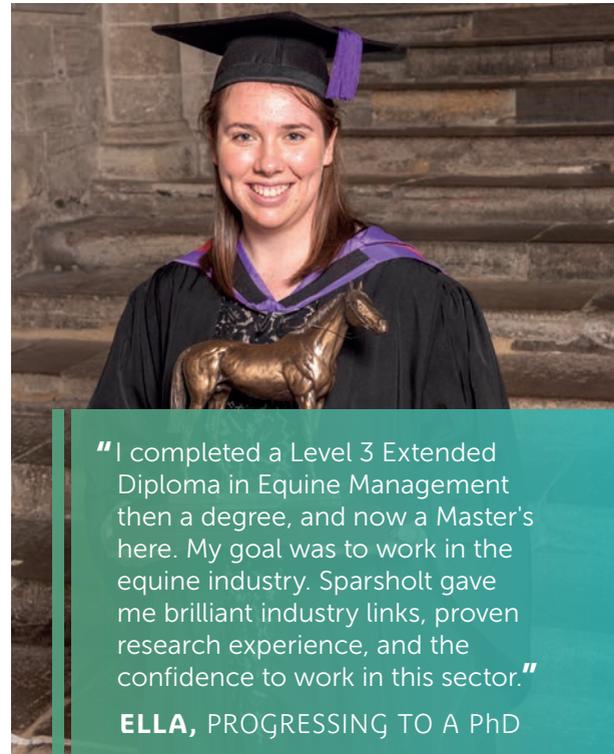
† The number of UCAS points you can gain depends on which Diploma pathway you take.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION – LAND-BASED STUDIES

This one-year course prepares you to study at degree level if you don't currently have the qualifications to apply. It's designed to give mature students with experience the foundation skills and knowledge to study a land-based degree. Find out more on page 24, at sparsholt.ac.uk or visit one of our Open Events.

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are over 19 you can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover tuition fees – if you go on to complete a full degree after your Access course then the Access loan will be written off. Find out more at sparsholt.ac.uk/information/advanced-learning-loans



"I completed a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management then a degree, and now a Master's here. My goal was to work in the equine industry. Sparsholt gave me brilliant industry links, proven research experience, and the confidence to work in this sector."

ELLA, PROGRESSING TO A PhD



Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.

Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

LAND-BASED STUDIES

This one-year course prepares adult learners who want to study at degree level but do not currently have the qualifications to apply. This course is specifically designed to give you the foundation skills and knowledge for studying a land-based degree.

Validated by



WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Provides a fast-track route to higher education
- Continuous assessment with no end-of-year exams
- Gain important GCSE English or Maths alongside this course
- Includes three weeks' work placement

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The course includes elements of chemistry, plant and animal biology and ecology, together with providing the knowledge and support needed to be able to carry out and present a small-scale research project. You will study a range of core subjects and follow some specialist units in either animal studies, equine studies, ecology and conservation, fishery studies or horticulture.

Teaching is delivered through a supportive mix of taught sessions, seminars, tutorials and practical lessons, which will help you build your knowledge and understanding of your chosen specialism, while gaining the ability to research and present your ideas as reports and presentations.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This intensive programme is assessed throughout the course, without final exams. Assessment will include essays, presentations, class assessments and reports – all of which will prepare you for higher education.

This course gives you UCAS tariff points for entry to University. Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applications will be assessed on individual merit and whilst no formal qualifications are required, evidence of previous study is essential.

Most students will progress to a relevant degree at Sparsholt and you will be supported by your tutors.

You will need to have either English or Maths at GCSE (or Level 2 equivalent) and will be offered the opportunity to study the other if required.

Most students are aged 19 or above at the start of the course, however entry at 18 may be possible – please contact the College for more details.

WHERE CAN I GO FROM HERE?

By the end of the course you will be fully prepared to progress on to a range of FdSc or BSc (Hons) degree programmes and take the next step towards your career goals.



MY STUDENT STORY...

I worked on a fish farm and wanted to study a degree in the subject but wanted to boost my academic background beforehand. So I did the Access course, went straight on to the Foundation Degree in Sports Fisheries and Aquaculture and felt boosted straight away.

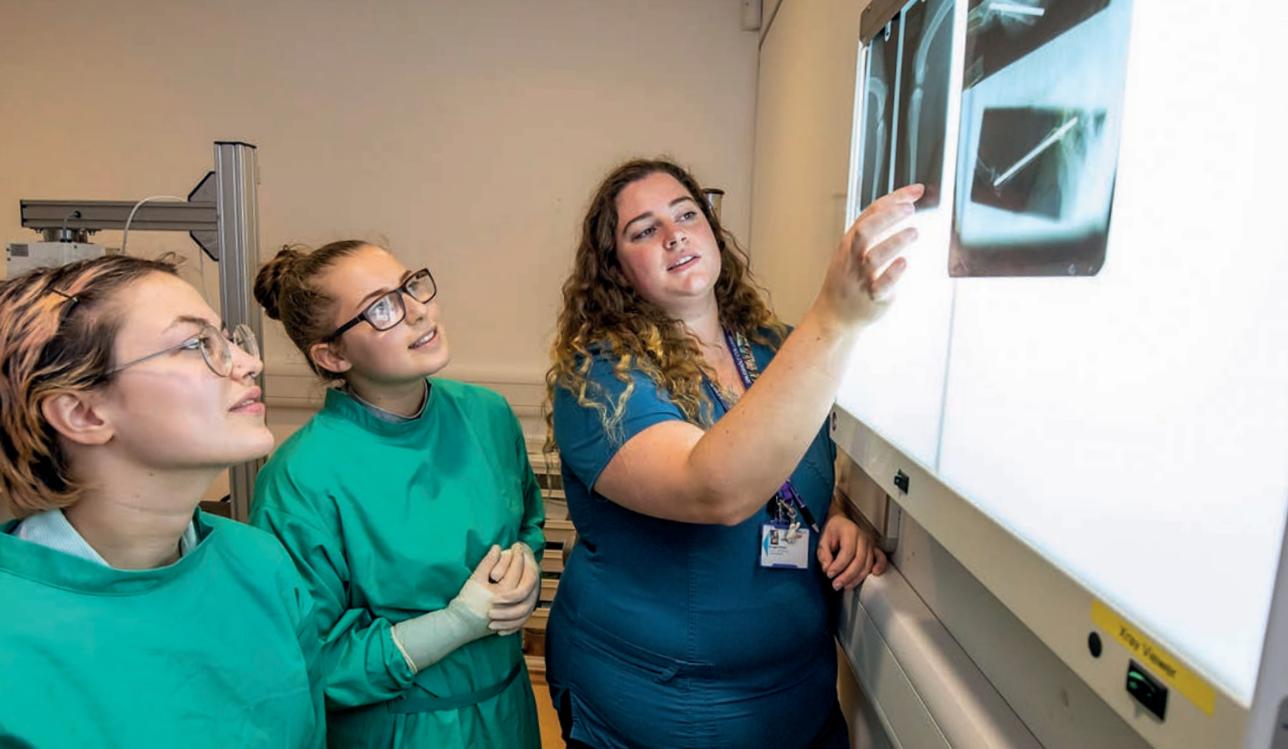
The Access course covers all forms of science, plus practical work as well. You get the option to do a work placement for up to a month and I chose one at a koi carp farm. The degree lecturers helped me get the placement through their great industry links and it was brilliant – I'm still in touch with them now.

The facilities are brilliant. We used the Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre and the Salmonid Rearing and Trials Centre, getting used to the equipment, the filters and handling the fish.

If you're considering the Access course, I would say do it! It's a year but it doesn't feel like a year and if you're unsure of which degree you want to go on to, it will help you make your mind up. The transition from the Access course to the degree is really smooth and you feel one step ahead.

BEN

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATE AND
FdSc SPORTS FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE STUDENT



VETERINARY NURSING

Sparsholt has an excellent provision for teaching and training veterinary nurses. Our teaching staff bring experience and expertise in all areas of animal work including veterinary nursing, health and welfare work as well as animal training.

The Animal Management Centre is stocked with a diverse and extensive range of animals that allows you to develop your practical animal handling and husbandry skills.



OUT & ABOUT

Trip to Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The on-site, purpose built veterinary nursing approved centre has up-to-date technology and equipment as required by the RCVS. Excellent veterinary industry links and associations with a large number of RCVS Approved Training Veterinary Practices in the South of England makes Sparsholt the place to study a Veterinary Nursing course.

VETERINARY NURSING

WORK-BASED DIPLOMA C&G – LEVEL 3 (YEAR 1 OF 3)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The Level 3 in Veterinary Nursing follows an Apprenticeship framework and is designed to support the preparation of Veterinary Nurses for professional registration on the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' register of Veterinary Nurses.

This programme is designed to help you develop veterinary nursing knowledge and effective clinical skills in preparation for the responsibilities of professional registration and veterinary practice. This course will require you to be in full-time paid employment with a registered and approved training practice. For details of approved training practices please see the RCVS website www.rcvs.org.uk or contact us on **01962 776441** for more details.

TOPICS COVERED

- Anatomy and physiology
- Welfare, health and husbandry for veterinary nursing
- Operational requirements for professional relationships
- Essential nursing care and infection control in veterinary practice
- Anaesthesia and critical care support

NEW COURSE

Equine Veterinary Nursing Level 3 is also available.

DURATION

Three years part-time on a day release basis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship. Nursing Assistant in a Veterinary Environment (VCA) or equivalent. Full-time paid employment as detailed.

This course will require you to be in full-time paid employment with a registered and approved training practice.

For details of approved training practices please see the RCVS website www.rcvs.org.uk or contact us on **01962 776441** for more details.

Fee details

Free if aged 19–23 and first full Level 3 course, otherwise Advanced Learner Loan is available.

CAREERS

- Veterinary nursing in general practice
- Veterinary nursing in a specialist or referral practice
- Animal health and conservation (UK or overseas)
- Work within education at a specialist Further Education college or through an organisation such as BVNA or RCVS
- Insurance for animal health companies
- Work for organisations such as DEFRA, LANTRA and a variety of charities such as the RSPCA, PDSA and the Blue Cross

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Higher Education such as post-professional registration degree programmes
- RCVS post-qualification Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing framework

GET IN GO FAR

WITH A SPARSHOLT APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money and gain a nationally recognised qualification through a mix of training in college and in the workplace. Sparsholt and Andover College work with over 1,100 employers across more than 40 different industries.

With new apprenticeships being added all the time, we are sure to be able to offer you the programme you need.

HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

Being an apprentice means that you will be employed in the relevant industry while you learn. Before you start your apprenticeship you will need to find employment and you can go about this in a number of ways:

- Speak to our dedicated team who have excellent links with local and national companies
- Visit the Apprenticeships website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship to find a vacancy
- Contact local companies and see if they are hiring and willing to take on an apprentice

Once you are employed and registered on an apprenticeship programme you will attend college for one day a week (for most programmes). You will be assessed on evidence gathered in the workplace and you will need support and training in work.

The College will ensure that you have sound English and Maths qualifications to go with the apprenticeship – if you do not already hold grade 4/C you will continue to study functional skills alongside your apprenticeship.

Level 2 programmes are suitable as an introduction to the industry, developing basic skills. Level 3 and 4 programmes support apprentices working towards supervisory and management roles, as well as technical and specialist job functions.

Level 2 apprenticeships usually last between 18–24 months and Level 3 and 4 apprenticeships can last between 18–36 months.

APPRENTICESHIPS AT SPARSHOLT

- Agriculture (crop, livestock production and mixed farming)
- Arboriculture and Forestry
- Animal Care
- Butchery
- Digital Marketing
- Environmental Conservation
- Equine: Horse Care
- Game and Wildlife Management
- Horticulture (Golf Greenkeeper, Sports Turf Operative, Horticulture or Landscape Operative)
- Information Technology and Microsoft Certified Courses (Infrastructure Technician and Network Engineer)
- Digital Learning Design
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Veterinary Nursing (small animal and equine)
- Team Leading

PROGRAMMES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR ANDOVER CAMPUS:

- Accounting (AAT)
- Business Administration
- Childcare and Early Years Educator
- Construction:
Carpentry and Bricklaying
- Customer Services
- Electrical Installation
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Management
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools



**FROM MY
APPRENTICESHIP I'LL
GET THE PRACTICAL
SKILLS AND
KNOWLEDGE I NEED
TO GET AHEAD, AS
WELL AS A STANDOUT
REFERENCE WHEN
APPLYING FOR A JOB.**

AMANDA

APPRENTICESHIP IN
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION,
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT
WILDLIFE TRUST

SPARSHOLT
BUSINESS TRAINING
INCORPORATING ANDOVER COLLEGE

 **Apprenticeships**



AGRICULTURE

Reflecting the latest developments in farm machinery and practices, Agriculture at Sparsholt continues to be a growing choice for many who are eager to become the next generation of skilled technical staff and managers.

Our students learn all about modern farming techniques and the technology shaping work on the land, alongside hands-on experience on our working commercial farm and in our workshops making repairs to machinery and tractors. Getting involved in events from a charity ploughathon to visits to shows, industry events and machinery dealers, our students gain high levels of knowledge and practical skills in all aspects of the industry.



OUT & ABOUT

Downtime with the cattle at the Royal Bath & West Show.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Sparsholt Agriculture students enjoy work experience and all the facilities of the College farm, dairy, sheep and pig units and workshops, including many modern tractors. They also manage all aspects of a cereal crop on our new student model farm. They play a key role in College events and have visits to agricultural businesses and trade shows throughout their courses.



CAREERS

- Farm Manager
- Agricultural Retail and Merchandise
- Skilled Machinery Operator
- Stock Person



FACILITIES

- 180 hectare College farm
- Student model farm for cereal crop management
- Sheep and lamb production
- Pig, dairy and beef units
- Arable production
- Working farm office



INDUSTRY LINKS

- LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)
- Tenant Farmers Association (TFA)
- NFU
- RABI
- Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)
- LANTRA
- City and Guilds NPTC
- Department for Environment
- Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
- National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs
- Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Agriculture (Crop, Livestock Production and Mixed Farming)

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UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University
- Reading University

MEET YOUR EXPERT



“After university I worked as a farm advisor in environmental consultancy. My move to Sparsholt has allowed me to develop my love of agriculture and land management, while leaving some time to work on our family farm.”

ABBY PARSONS
CURRICULUM LEADER

AGRICULTURE

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Working on the College farm's sheep, dairy and pig units, you'll learn valuable skills in a variety of farm tasks to help make you ready for employment. You'll be involved in tractor driving and working with modern machinery, livestock handling and daily work with cattle, sheep and pigs, as well as general farm maintenance. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary to increase your future course and career options.

TOPICS COVERED

- Operating a tractor and equipment maintenance
- Husbandry and feeding for cattle, sheep and pigs
- Planting and maintaining crops
- Farm skills development and practice

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You may be accepted directly after leaving school and previous experience is not essential. You'll be expected to achieve GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above.

CAREERS

- Working with livestock on a farm
- Working on an arable farm
- Tractor driving

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Agriculture
- Apprenticeship in Agriculture



AGRICULTURE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will give you an insight into the modern agricultural industry through work placements, visits to local farms and estates and trips to events. Working on the College farm's dairy, sheep enterprise, arable and pig unit you'll also learn valuable skills and get the hands-on experience needed for employment. If necessary, we'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English.

TOPICS COVERED

- Livestock production – cattle, sheep and pigs
- Farm and estate maintenance
- Crop science and growth
- Machinery operations and maintenance

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- NPTC Tractor Driving and Related Operations
- NPTC All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- NPTC Rough Terrain Vehicles (RTVs)
- NPTC Operation of Rough Terrain Lift Trucks

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above including English and Maths/Level 1 in Agriculture with 3/D or Level 1 Skills in Maths and English.

CAREERS

- Tractor driver
- Stock-person working with cattle, sheep or pigs
- Contract farming

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 courses
- Level 2/Level 3 Agricultural Engineering
- Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

**CHOOSE THIS
COURSE IF...**

...you'd like to learn about modern farming techniques and technology.



AGRICULTURE WITH OPTIONS

LEVEL 3

ATD (Advanced Technical Diploma) – One year

ATED (Advanced Technical Extended Diploma) – Two years

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

On this modern and exciting course you'll gain the knowledge, understanding and skills the agricultural industry needs. In the first year you'll develop practical knowledge and techniques so that in the second year you'll be ready to concentrate on enterprise management and specialise with optional livestock and arable units. The course includes three weeks work experience in the first year – giving you real industry experience and the opportunity to put your skills learnt on the College farm, dairy, arable, sheep and pig units into practice. Visits to businesses and events will provide an in-depth view of national and international agriculture and you'll also get involved in busy College events which is great fun and the ideal opportunity to develop vital communication and customer facing skills.

TOPICS COVERED

- Agricultural business management and diversification
- Machinery management, operation and maintenance
- Workshop practice, for example welding
- Agricultural livestock production, science and management – dairy, beef, sheep and pigs
- Agricultural crop, forage and grassland management
- Plant and soil science
- Environmental sustainability
- Estate skills
- Farm duties

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- NPTC Operation of Rough Terrain Lift Trucks
- NPTC All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- NPTC Stockmanship
- NPTC Transport of Animals
- NPTC Pesticide Spray Application
- NPTC Tractor Driving

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 in Agriculture at Merit level with English and Maths at Level 2 or GCSE grade 4/C.

CAREERS

- Farm manager or assistant farm manager
- Industries such as agronomy, nutrition consultancy, contract farming, grain merchandise, machinery dealing, feed sales and supply trade
- Livestock or arable unit manager
- Head tractor driver
- Head stock-person working with cattle, sheep or pigs

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- A degree in Agriculture Land Use
- Level 3 or 4 qualifications in work-based agriculture

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.



MY STUDENT STORY...

I first heard about Sparsholt through my brother. I heard great feedback about it and compared to other colleges it stood out the most. I joined Level 2 Agriculture and progressed to Agricultural Engineering. I loved both courses and found my tutors to be very welcoming and friendly.

One of the top skills I have learnt is welding, especially arc, which I fell in love with the first time I tried it. It will help massively in the industry I'm going in to with jobs or day-to-day problems that need fixing.

I have loved my work placement here at C&O Tractors, I've met great people who have taught me so many new things. I've already been offered a summer job here and can't wait to start.

Sparsholt has helped start me off in this career and helped me learn so many new things, it's given me so much more confidence in myself. I'll miss the atmosphere here, especially in the workshop and out on the farm. Everyone knows each other and it's nice. I can't thank the lecturers enough for how much they've helped me.

GRACE

LEVEL 2 AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING STUDENT

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will give you the essential technical knowledge and practical skills to confidently work with modern machinery. Work placements, visits to industry events such as the Grassland or Dairy events and LAMMA Show and trips to machinery manufacturers and dealers will give you a real insight into the industry, supported by our specialist staff and state-of-the-art facilities. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary.

TOPICS COVERED

- Maintenance and operation of farm machinery
- Workshop practice and skills development
- Welding
- Machinery operation
- Tools and equipment
- Safety

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- NPTC Tractor Driving
- NPTC Forklift
- NPTC All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- NPTC Rough Terrain Vehicles (RTVs)

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above including English and Maths at grade 3/D or relevant Level 1 qualification plus Functional Skills English and Maths at Level 1.

CAREERS

Assistant technician working with:

- Ground care machinery such as mowers or cultivators
- Fixed plant such as grain driers, vegetable handling and packing
- Large machinery such as tractors and combines, fabrication and construction

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 courses
- Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Taught by specialist staff in our exciting new Motor Vehicle and Agricultural Engineering Centre, this course is designed to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills the land-based technology industry needs.

You'll enjoy work placements, trips to machinery manufacturers and dealers and industry events such as the Grassland or Dairy events and LAMMA Show, as well as the opportunity to work on a wide range of land-based machinery – both at the College and at local dealers.

TOPICS COVERED

- Workshop practice
- Health and Safety
- Work experience
- Calculations for engineering
- Repair engines
- Engine technology
- Hydraulics
- Electrical and electronic systems
- Farm and plant equipment
- Chassis
- Harvesting equipment
- Cultivation and planting equipment
- Transmissions, mechanical & CVT

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- NPTC Tractor Driving and Related Operations
- NPTC All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- NPTC Rough Terrain Vehicles (RTVs)
- NPTC Operation of Rough Terrain Lift Trucks
- NPTC Abrasive wheels certificate

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English and Maths/Level 2 in Agriculture at Merit with English and Maths at GCSE grade 4/C.

CAREERS

- Farm mechanic
- Dealership technician
- Contractor operator mechanic
- Fabrication technician
- Parts person/manager in dealership
- Machinery sales

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- A degree in Land-based Technology
- Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.



ANIMAL STUDIES

With an international reputation for animal studies and zoo management, and rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Sparsholt is the ideal starting point for a career in this highly competitive industry.

Home to the National Zoo Academy, our specialist Animal Management Centre houses 1,200 animals from 200 species including rare breeds, domestic, exotic and large farm animals – enabling you to gain theoretical and practical experience relevant for most careers in animal care. We also have a reptile house with a variety of exotic invertebrates to add an additional dimension to your studies.



OUT & ABOUT

Our students had a fantastic time during their trip to Jersey Zoo.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Students gain hands-on experience in our AMC, where there are also volunteering opportunities in areas such as animal husbandry, enclosure building and Open Event tours.



CAREERS

- Zoo Keeper/Zoo Educator
- Animal Training and Behaviour
- Dog Grooming
- Animal Retail
- Veterinary Nurse



FACILITIES

- Purpose built Animal Management Centre, home of the National Zoo Academy
- Wide variety of herptile, bird and mammal species, many part of conservation breeding programmes
- Research rooms
- Paddock section including mara, wallabies, dwarf zebus, rheas, alpacas, goats and donkeys
- Exotic species – red pandas, meerkats, tenrecs and lemur
- Nutritional and animal behaviour areas



APPRENTICESHIPS

- Animal Care
- Veterinary Nursing (small animal and equine)

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INDUSTRY LINKS

- The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
- Natural England
- The Living Rainforest
- The World Pheasant Association
- The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
- Marwell Wildlife
- The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
- Rare Breeds Survival Trust



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- Harper Adams University
- University of Manchester
- Liverpool John Moores University
- University of Nottingham
- Oxford Brookes University
- Plymouth University
- University of Southampton
- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Wales
- Bangor University
- Royal Veterinary College London

MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I was a mature student at Sparsholt and started my career working with animals at Blue Cross, where I covered a variety of roles from Animal Welfare Assistant to Operational Supervisor. I then moved on to pet

store management before joining Sparsholt as a lecturer. My main interest is animal welfare, training and behaviour, particularly in companion species."

ELLI BATES
LECTURER



ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you have a keen interest in working with animals, this course is for you. You'll enjoy a mixture of practical lessons to help you develop animal handling techniques and classroom based work where you'll gain the relevant knowledge.

Sparsholt students also benefit from visits to a range of animal collections, such as Bristol Zoo and the Cotswold Wildlife Park, and the opportunity to hear from people already working with animals at the annual Speakers' Day – giving valuable industry insight.

TOPICS COVERED

- Animal handling and health
- Health and safety
- Animal feeding and accommodation
- Animals in the wild and in society
- Developing team working and personal skills

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Two or more GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above

CAREERS

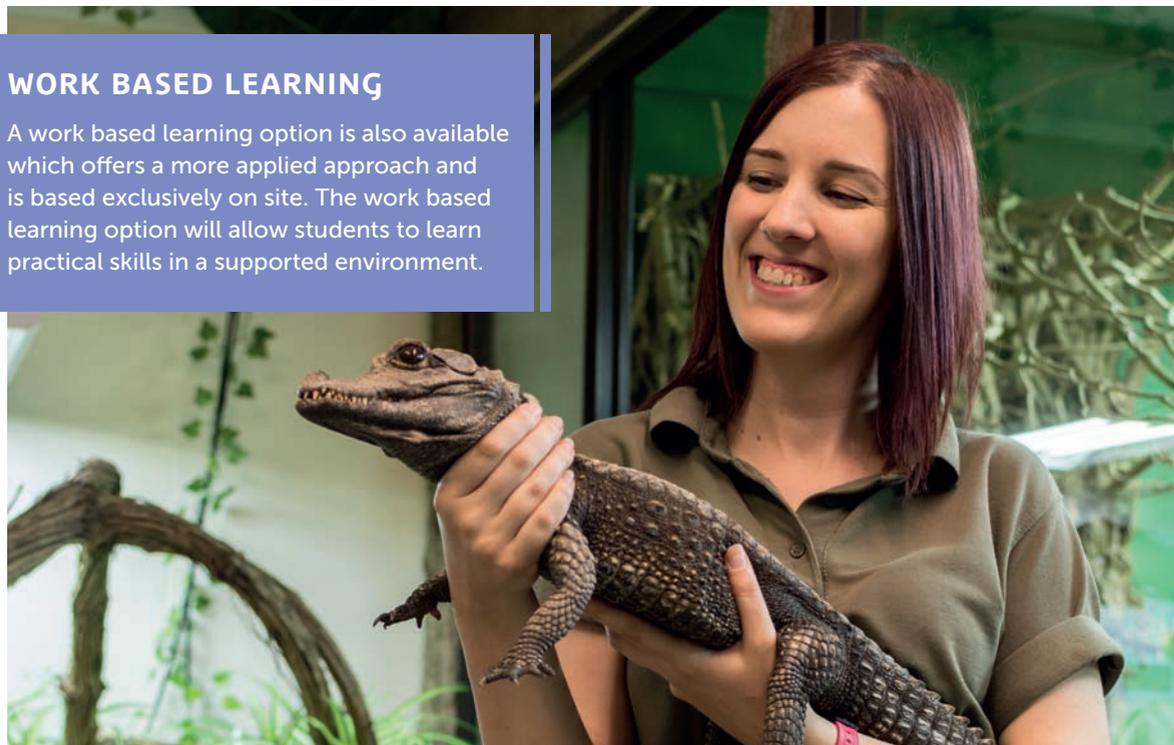
- Kennel or cattery worker
- Dog walker
- Pet shop assistant
- Animal care assistant

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 in Animal Care

WORK BASED LEARNING

A work based learning option is also available which offers a more applied approach and is based exclusively on site. The work based learning option will allow students to learn practical skills in a supported environment.



ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The course will focus on developing your skills and knowledge of animal husbandry through a mix of engaging classroom sessions, practical animal handling and work experience.

As well as hands-on experience with the farm livestock, exotic animals, domestic pets and birds of the College's Animal Management Centre, you'll also benefit from visits to a range of off-site animal collections and welfare centres. An optional three day study trip to Wales focusing on the collection and identification of indigenous species completes the picture. You'll also work towards Functional Skills in Maths and English resulting in a GCSE resit opportunity if needed.

TOPICS COVERED

- Animal handling and husbandry
- Behaviour of a wide range of animals
- Animal biology
- Specialist units looking at exotic animals and grooming
- Work experience

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above, English and Maths at grade 3/D or a Level 1 in Animal Care.

CAREERS

Working in kennels, grooming centres, pet shops and animal welfare centres.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 in Animal Management
- Apprenticeship in Animal Care



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

LEVEL 3

WITH PATHWAYS IN ZOO & WILDLIFE,
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & SCIENCE (VET NURSING)
AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & SCIENCE (WELFARE)

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management (360)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This 12-unit course will give you the skills, knowledge and practical understanding to progress into employment or for study at university. In the first year you'll gain a solid foundation in animal science and husbandry and then in the second year you'll select a pathway in zoo work, veterinary health or welfare.

We immerse you in the world of animal studies with a host of industry guests and speakers, as well as visits to zoological parks and specialist veterinary and conservation centres. You'll also have the opportunity to attend residential study tours both in the UK and South Africa, giving you the chance to work with wild animals as well as making valuable industry contacts.

TOPICS COVERED

- Practical animal handling and behaviour with dogs, avian and other exotic species
- Health and nutrition
- Accommodation and feeding
- Breeding and welfare
- Biology and anatomy
- Specialist units in exotic animals and/or nursing

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 in Animal Care with GCSE grade 4/C in Maths and English.

CAREERS

- Veterinary nurse or assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres (wild and domestic)
- Animal training and behaviour
- Keeper or education officer in animal collections

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc in Animal Management
- Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing or Animal Care

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.



Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.

Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre

MY STUDENT STORY...

I have learnt so much at Sparsholt. I like that the college has a wide range of animal species to work with and the amount of hands-on practical experience on offer.

The instructors are extremely helpful and supportive, helping you to work with the animals at a comfortable pace. I have also been able to volunteer on-site, gaining more confidence and experience with a range of animals which opened up some amazing work placement opportunities! I have also enjoyed taking part in research projects with some of the new animals that we have here, such as the raccoon dogs.

My job as a Sparsholt Learning Technology coach has also given me new skills with a wide variety of technology such as the drone, the 360° camera, Virtual Reality headsets, the Swivl, Mahara and Moodle. Our aim is to integrate technology into land-based subjects, educating students and staff so that they are eventually trained to work with the technology that is rapidly changing their industry. I will be able to use these skills when it comes to future research, like using a drone for nature surveys, and I will then be able to apply this to future jobs as well.

After college I am hoping to complete a Veterinary Nursing degree and specialise in exotics. Sparsholt provides many amazing opportunities and is always aiming to improve your knowledge and push you to your full potential.

RACHAEL

**LEVEL 3 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STUDENT
AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY COACH**



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

LEVEL 3

WITH PATHWAYS IN SCIENCE, ZOOS, WILDLIFE (CONSERVATION) AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This 18-unit course will give you the skills, knowledge and practical understanding to progress into employment or higher level study at university – from dedicated animal husbandry roles to volunteer conservation placements abroad and a full range of higher education courses including Veterinary Science Degrees.

In the first year you'll gain a solid foundation in animal science and husbandry before selecting a pathway for your second year. We immerse you in the world of animal studies with a host of industry guests and speakers, as well as visits to zoological parks and specialist veterinary and conservation centres. You'll also have the opportunity to attend residential study tours both in the UK and South Africa. Working with wild animals – whether tracking rhinoceros or working on large cat breeding programmes – gives Sparsholt students an unforgettable experience, as well as valuable industry contacts.

TOPICS COVERED

- Practical animal handling and behaviour with dogs, avian and other exotic species
- Health and nutrition
- Breeding and welfare
- Biology and anatomy
- Exotic and zoo husbandry
- Conservation and wildlife rehabilitation
- Nursing, aquatics, equine and farm livestock
- Specialist science units for veterinary science progression

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 in Animal Care with GCSE grade 4/C in Maths and English.

CAREERS

- Veterinary nurse or assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres (wild and domestic)
- Animal training and behaviour
- Keeper or education officer in animal collections
- Conservation work

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Animal Science, Behaviour and Conservation at FdSc or BSc level
- Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing or Animal Care
- Veterinary and Bio-Veterinary Sciences

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ARBORICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

The trees and timber industry employs over 20,000 people through almost 4,000 businesses including forestry, arboriculture, harvesting and timber processing. The management of trees and woodland is critically important for the sustainable development of our countryside, urban spaces, leisure pursuits and for conservation.

Using a combination of on and off-site facilities, we provide training for the people who will manage and work in our forestry industries for timber production as well as those who look after and manage individual trees in parks, streets and private gardens. Learning from experts in the field, our students will acquire all the practical and scientific skills to work in the industry or to study at an advanced level.



OUT & ABOUT

Having a go at planking a yew log with an Alaskan Chainsaw Sawmill.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Our students enjoy access to key NPTC and City & Guilds short courses required by the industry which are delivered both on and off-site – giving them a head start in employment.



CAREERS

- Arborist
- Forester
- Tree Surveyor
- Woodland Conservation



FACILITIES

- Sawmill and timber processing area
- Maintenance workshops
- Safe tree climbing practice areas



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Royal Forestry Society
- LANTRA
- Institute of Chartered Foresters
- Confor – Confederation of Forest Industries
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Arboricultural Association

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Arboriculture and Forestry

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MEET YOUR EXPERT



“I started my tree-work career in utility arboriculture, which is therefore my specialism. I have worked at Sparsholt for the past 11 years and gained a great deal more knowledge across the arb and forestry sectors. I take real pride in passing that knowledge on to students to help them achieve their ambitions.”

RICHARD REX
SENIOR CURRICULUM LEADER

LAND-BASED OPERATIONS

LEVEL 1 RURAL SKILLS (WOODLAND)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the woodland and tree care industries. The course is very practical and involves work in local Forestry Commission and private estate woodlands. You'll also work in the College sawmill and timber processing area, learning how to operate different types of machinery to produce timber and timber products for use around the College grounds and estate.

TOPICS COVERED

- Safe and effective working practices in land-based industries
- Preparing to work in the land-based industries
- Identify plants and trees
- Assist with the transport of maintenance of tools and equipment
- Maintenance of structures and surfaces in the countryside
- Carry out tractor operations
- Assist with the establishment of plant and sites in the countryside

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- City and Guilds Level 2 Award in Tractor Driving

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be expected to have a minimum of two GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E, and be recommended by your school.

CAREERS

This introductory course leads on to further education and will set a basis for future employment in the arboriculture and woodland industries.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 or 3 qualifications in Arboriculture or Forestry



MY STUDENT STORY...

I previously studied geography and I've always been really interested in trees, ecology and land management. The Arboriculture Level 3 course is a brilliant way to get back into my field from a different angle, learn a brand new range of theoretical and practical skills and get an in-depth look at the biology, significance and sensitive management of trees.

I found a real love for the practical side, gaining new skills such as maintaining and using a chainsaw, tree climbing, using land machinery like chippers and brush cutters, pruning techniques and tractor driving, which I will be able to use directly in arboriculture work.

One of my tutors helped me to get a work placement in Bartlett Tree Experts' Research Lab, which is going to be an incredible opportunity to get insight into the career I hope to move into.

I hope to go into research, either through a Master's in tree science or management, or working with a company or government body with research opportunities.

As well as a brand new skillset, Sparsholt has given me much, much more confidence in doing practical things, in making my own decisions and getting a feel for the behaviour of trees in real life, rather than just academically.

Thanks to Sparsholt I feel that I have real direction for life and bright plans for the future!

SAM

LEVEL 3 ARBORICULTURE &
FORESTRY STUDENT

ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you are interested in working in the trees and timber sector, then this course could be for you. Taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the arboriculture industry or higher level courses.

You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working in a tree work setting, via an extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities – from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest.

TOPICS COVERED

- Working in a forestry or arboriculture related business
- Health and Safety for the land-based industries
- Tools and equipment
- Environment and conservation
- Introduction to plant science
- Tree classification and identification
- Tree establishment
- Tree and woodland management

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting
- Small Tree Felling
- Climb a tree and perform Aerial Rescue
- Powered Pole Pruner
- Use of chainsaw from a Rope and Harness
- Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)
- Stump grinder
- Chipper

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above including Maths and English at grade 3/D or relevant Level 1 qualification.

You must be physically fit and aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

CAREERS

- Climber or trainee climber
- Self-employment
- Utilities work

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 in Arboriculture or Forestry

ARBORICULTURE

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Certificate (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you have a head for heights, then this course could be for you. While being taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the arboriculture industry or Higher Education. You'll perfect your skills in our extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities, from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest. You'll also have the opportunity to climb and measure some of the tallest trees in England!

TOPICS COVERED

- Principles of plant and soil science
- Tree and shrub pruning and maintenance
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Arboricultural skills
- Tree identification
- Pests and diseases of trees
- Advanced arboricultural practices
- Tree surveys and inspections
- Woodland habitat management
- Advanced arboricultural machinery

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Tree climbing and aerial rescue
- Chainsaw maintenance and crosscutting
- Tree felling
- Stump grinders
- Woodchippers
- Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP)

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 at Merit level.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

CAREERS

- Climbing arborist
- Tree surveyor
- Conservation work
- Local authority (assistant tree officer)
- Arboretum/woodland/estate work

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc/BSc in Arboriculture
- Arboricultural Association Technician's Certificate
- Level 6 Arboriculture

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FORESTRY

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Certificate (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the forestry industry, especially lowland woodland, or into higher education. You'll perfect your skills in our extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities, from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest. Field trips to the Savernake Forest, Westonbirt Arboretum and Stourhead Western Estate will fully immerse you into the arboriculture and forestry industry.

TOPICS COVERED

- Principles of plant and soil science
- Silvicultural practices
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Tree identification
- Pests and diseases of trees
- Advanced forestry machinery
- Tree surveys and inspections
- Woodland habitat management

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Chainsaw Crosscut and Maintenance
- Tree Felling
- Tractor Driving
- Woodchippers
- Brushcutters/Polesaws
- Hedge Trimmers

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 3/D or Level 2 at Merit level.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

CAREERS

- Forester
- Conservation work
- Local authority employment
- Employment with the Forestry Commission or Woodland Trust

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

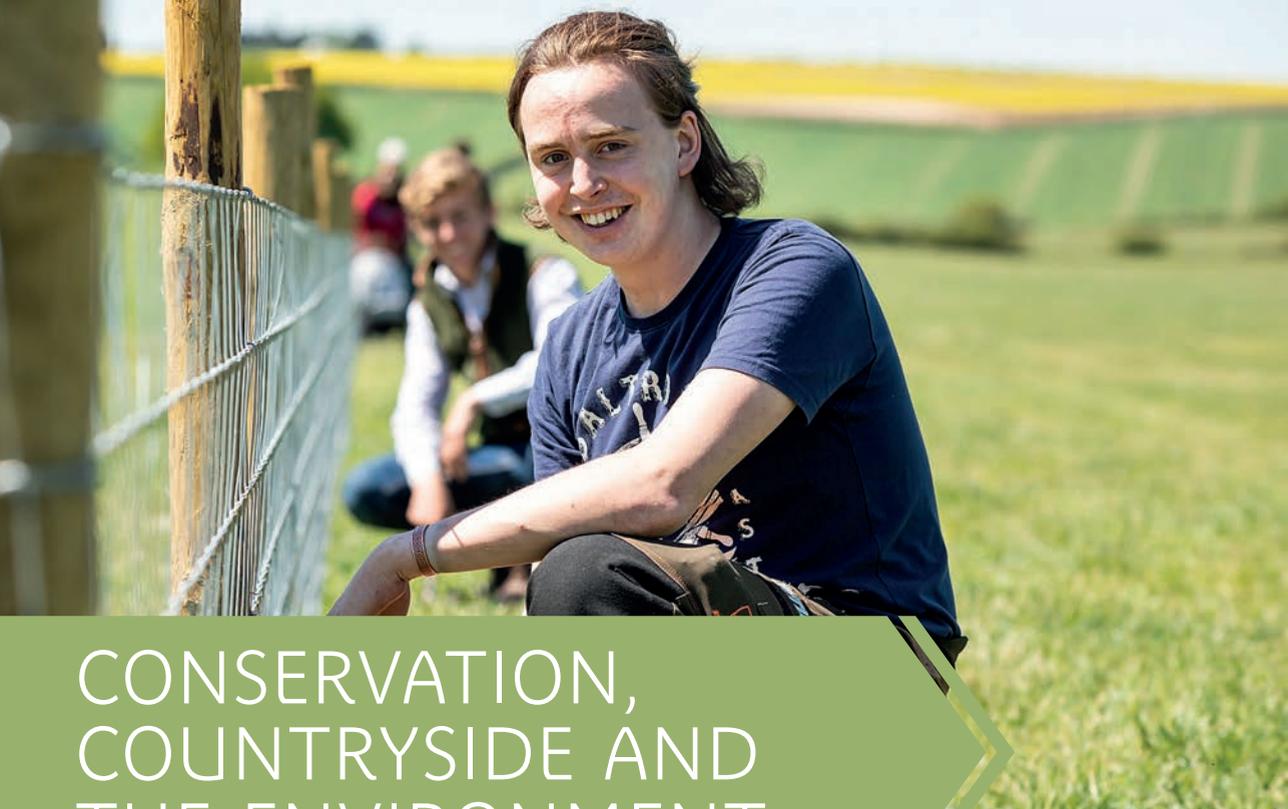
- FdSc in Woodland/Forestry Management
- BSc in Woodland/Forestry Management

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CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Studying on our beautiful 176-hectare estate and with a range of conservation organisations, you will learn an incredible amount about the natural environment, the British countryside and the iconic species that live within it.

Conservation is at the heart of everything we do and our courses provide an entry into the industry for school leavers and adults seeking a career change. Our strong industry links, expert staff and outstanding natural facilities make Sparsholt College a natural choice for the study of countryside and conservation management.



OUT & ABOUT

Students with their finished coppice fence.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Countryside students have created new areas of chalk downland on the campus which has helped to significantly increase the Small Blue (*Cupido minimus*) butterfly population and provides a vital nectar and pollen source for many other insects.



CAREERS

- Countryside Ranger
- Education Officer
- Reserve Warden
- Ecological Surveyor



FACILITIES

- College Farm managed under a Countryside Stewardship Agreement
- Lake, associated wetland habitats and species-rich grasslands
- Semi-natural ancient woodland
- Greenwood crafts area
- Chainsaw training areas
- Laboratories and specialist surveying equipment



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Forestry Commission
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Natural England
- Butterfly Conservation
- RSPB
- Environment Agency
- Oxford University Museum of Natural History
- London NHM (Natural History Museum)
- ZSL London
- RZSS Highland Wildlife Park
- Hampshire County Council
- Countryside Service
- The National Trust
- Wildlife and Wetlands Trust

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Environmental Conservation

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UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Aberystwyth
- University of Bournemouth
- University of Reading
- University of Bangor
- University of Plymouth
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Stirling

MEET YOUR EXPERT



"After my time as a Sparsholt student, I worked on both national and international conservation projects. I have particular interest in applied ecology, practical habitat management and environmental science."

DAVE LOCK
CURRICULUM LEADER

COUNTRYSIDE SKILLS

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this introductory course you'll develop a wide range of practical and employment skills with game birds, deer, fish and conservation as well as the use of modern machinery.

The course is designed to give you a range of skills and experience to allow you to identify and progress on to your area of interest.

Learning in a realistic environment will also give you the skills and confidence to progress further in education or into an Apprenticeship.

TOPICS COVERED

- Habitat and maintenance skills
- Animal welfare
- Conservation management
- Health and Safety in land-based industries
- Teamwork and communication
- Progression and personal development
- Maths and English skills

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Functional Skills in Maths and English

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Assistant warden/countryside ranger
- Countryside recreation assistant
- Practical habitat/estate worker
- Conservation volunteering/internships

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)



MY STUDENT STORY...

I chose this course because it covers a large range of topics ranging from Environmental Science to Woodland Management. I have enjoyed meeting a range of people with experience from all sorts of backgrounds. They have given me a huge amount of insight into what I could do in the future.

The theory we learn in the classroom is put into practice working on fencing, chainsaws, river restoration and so much more. You're able to attain your NTPC licence for machinery which is useful as you're then qualified to use equipment in future jobs. The skills I have learnt have set me up for my future by giving me a great sense of the environments that one day I could be working in. My favourite piece of equipment has to be the chainsaws: learning how to use them safely and processing trees and timber.

The tutors have such a wide range of knowledge and are so enthusiastic! It makes learning the subjects so much easier. They have pushed me to be my best self and this has led me to achieving Distinction* which I could not have done without them.

You're always treated like an adult at Sparsholt which makes living on-site very fun and social.

In the future, I hope to go into environmental science and renewable energy. Sparsholt has given me a brilliant foundation of understanding and has set me on the right course to achieve my goals.

JOE

LEVEL 3 LAND AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT STUDENT



LAND AND WILDLIFE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you enjoy practical work in a rural setting and have a keen interest in nature conservation this course will give you a range of countryside skills, as well as providing you with the foundation knowledge needed to work in the countryside or progress to the Level 3 course.

You'll be introduced to a range of UK habitats including woodlands, heathlands, grasslands and wetlands and will gain first-hand experience of managing these different environments for the benefit of wildlife and people. As a Sparsholt student you'll also benefit from our lecturers' strong links with conservation organisations.

TOPICS COVERED

- Conservation and improvement of British habitats
- Estate maintenance/practical skills
- Working in the land and wildlife industry
- Work experience
- Species identification and survey techniques
- Environmental conservation of flora and fauna
- Countryside Interpretation and Recreation

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Maths or English GCSE if not held at grade 4/C

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSEs at grade 3/D, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3/D, or Level 1 in a relevant subject plus a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Assistant warden/countryside ranger
- Countryside recreation assistant
- Practical habitat/estate worker
- Conservation volunteering/internships

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation
- Level 3 in Land and Wildlife Management

LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

On this A Level equivalent course that will teach you the fundamentals of conservation, wildlife management and the environment, you will develop both your practical countryside skills and your understanding of ecology and the environment.

You'll work both on the 450 acre College estate and off-site on work placements with conservation organisations and you may also take part in fascinating study tours and site visits to places such as the World Heritage Dorset coastline, the New Forest and South Downs National Parks, the Cairngorms National Park and the London and Oxford National History Museums. You will also visit and be involved with the day-to-day management of a range of local sites working in conjunction with a range of countryside professionals and organisations.

You will learn the principles of ecology and environmental science providing you with a strong base of knowledge in addition to acquiring invaluable practical skills that will significantly enhance your employability and opportunities to continue your studies in higher education.

As a Sparsholt student you'll benefit from our lecturers' strong links with conservation organisations including the National Trust, RSPB, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Hampshire County Council – some of your potential future employers.



TOPICS COVERED

Year 1 – To achieve an Advanced Technical Diploma you will study all of the following:

- Wildlife population surveys, ecology and conservation
- Habitat management (woodlands, heathlands, farm and freshwater and wetlands)
- Estate skills
- Countryside recreation
- Machinery use, maintenance and operation
- Health and safety
- Work experience

Year 2 – To achieve an Advanced Technical Extended Diploma you will, after completing year 1, move on to study the following:

- Physical and biological environmental processes
- Ecological concepts and applications
- Work experience
- Environmental interpretation
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Greenwood crafts
- Habitat management (urban, coastal and grasslands)
- Deer management
- Specialist project
- Freshwater and wetlands and woodland habitat management

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- NPTC Chainsaw cross cut and maintenance
- Species ID certificate
- NPTC Brushcutters and trimmers
- NPTC Wood chipper
- NPTC All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) or (RTV)
- City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in The Transport of Animals by Road (Short Journeys)
- Deer Stalking Certificate – Level 1

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4/C, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4/C or a Merit grade at Level 2.

Applications from mature students are encouraged and will be considered on an individual basis.

CAREERS

- Assistant conservation officer
- Nature reserve warden
- Countryside ranger
- Ecological surveyor
- Practical estate ranger/worker
- Environmental education officer
- Self-employed habitat contractor
- Ecologist

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree courses in Ecology and Conservation, Environmental, Land Management, Countryside Management, Environmental Management and Marine Conservation.

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ENGLISH AND MATHS

Most employers, colleges and universities are now asking for a minimum of a GCSE grade 4/C and above in English and Maths, which is why at Sparsholt, we ensure you work towards achieving this as part of your course.

This will be through GCSE classes or Functional Skills in Maths and/or English.

ARE YOU 16–18?

If you have a GCSE grade 3/D in English/Maths, you will study the GCSE course alongside your main programme of study to raise your grade to a 4/C or above.

ARE YOU 19–25 YEARS OLD WITH AN EHCP?

If you do not have a GCSE grade 4/C in English and Maths, you will be required to continue working towards improving English and maths and, if appropriate, gaining qualifications.

MATHEMATICS

GCSE EDEXCEL

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The course aims to give you greater knowledge in essential mathematical skills that can be used in day-to-day activities. We offer two levels: foundation or higher, depending on your current grade and aspirations. It is essential that you are committed to studying Maths at GCSE. We expect you to attend every session and work hard to develop your mathematical skills and aptitude for the subject.

- Interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context
- Acquire and use problem solving strategies
- Select and apply mathematical techniques and methods in mathematical, every day and real world situations
- Reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions
- Develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have GCSE Maths at grade 3/D.

Interview plus initial & diagnostic assessment to make sure the course is suitable.

Fee details

Free if you do not already have A*–C or grade 4 or higher.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

GCSE Maths at grade 4/C is required by many employers and for entry to higher education. Employers in all sectors like you to have Maths qualifications as it demonstrates ability in a core subject.

The skills learned in this subject are useful for many areas. Should you obtain a grade B/6 at GCSE you may wish to think about studying the subject at AS Level.





ENGLISH LANGUAGE

AQA GCSE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is for you if you are 16–18 years old and on a course at Sparsholt and do not hold GCSE English Language at grade 4/C or above.

You will be taught by an experienced team of specialist English teachers.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 3/D.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

GCSE English at grade 4/C or above is required for further progression on to higher vocational and A Level courses and university entry.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH, MATHS AND ICT

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you are an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 student and do not have a GCSE grade 4/C or above you will take either Functional Skills or GCSE Maths and/or English as part of your programme of study.

TOPICS COVERED

Functional English

You will gain skills and a qualification in reading, writing, speaking and listening, essential for working life.

Functional Maths

You will focus on analysis, working on scenario based problems using Maths. You will gain skills and a qualification needed for everyday life and employment.

Functional ICT (for Apprentices only)

You will learn about the use of IT systems, as well as developing your skills to be able to communicate information.

You will be taught by an experienced team of specialists who have very strong links with the main teaching teams at the College.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The level you study will be determined by your previous achievement and an assessment during your induction.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Level 1 or Level 2 English and/or Maths are usually required for entry on to higher level college courses. These qualifications are recognised and valued by employers in all sectors.



EQUINE STUDIES

Our BHS highly commended facilities mean we can provide an excellent start to your career in the equine industry.

Our purpose built Equine Centre hosts a variety of resources and opportunities for learners and our enthusiastic staff are committed to providing the very best learning experience. Choose the right course for you – up to Master’s level – and you’ll be learning in an environment dedicated to success.

The
British
Horse
Society

Approved Centre



OUT & ABOUT

Equine students exploring Newbury Racecourse.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The BHS Approved Equestrian Centre has also hosted British Dressage Summer and Winter Regional competitions, British Dressage Pony Premiers, BYRDS and was proud to host the Australian Paralympics Team for London 2012.



CAREERS

- Competition Groom or Rider
- Equine Nutritionist
- Equine Veterinary Nurse
- Event Management
- Farrier
- Journalist
- Retail
- Riding Instructor



FACILITIES

- New equestrian performance studio and Racewood Eventing Simulator
- Stabling for up to 66 horses, including brand new stable block
- Indoor arena (60 x 23m)
- Three outdoor arenas (60 x 30m, 60 x 30m, 70 x 50m)
- Covered horse-walker
- Grass rides
- Cross country training field
- Weighbridge
- Full sized equine skeleton
- BHS riding instruction towards course requirements
- BHS practical instruction embedded in training
- Various livery and loan options available

NEW COURSE

Equine Veterinary Nursing Level 3 is also available.

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Equine: Horse Care

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INDUSTRY LINKS

- The Jockey Club
- Newmarket Racecourse
- The National Stud
- British Dressage
- The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences
- British Showjumping
- The British Horse Society (BHS)
- The International Society for Equitation Science
- Dodson and Horrell Limited
- The British Equestrian Federation
- Horse and Hound
- The British Society of Animal Science



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Royal Agricultural University
- University Centre Hartpury
- Moulton College
- Writtle University College

BHS PROGRESSIVE RIDING TESTS

All our students will follow the BHS Progressive Riding Tests. On successful completion of all six you will progress straight to BHS Stage 2. You are offered these at no extra cost as they are an integral part of the curriculum.

MEET YOUR EXPERT

“I have owned, ridden and competed horses since I can remember and gained my BSc in Equine Science and MSc in Equine Behaviour, Performance and Training at Sparsholt alongside my BHS coaching qualifications. I lecture on all of the equine courses, with my specific

fields being biology, nutrition, behaviour and rider performance. I take great satisfaction in passing my knowledge on to others and encouraging them to do their very best.”

AMY ROBBINS
LECTURER



EQUINE STUDIES

LEVEL 1

(RIDING AND NON-RIDING PATHWAYS AVAILABLE)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is ideal if you have little or no formal qualifications and you want to start your journey into a career with horses.

As this is a work-based course you will be based at the Equine Centre three days per week, gaining practical industry experience. You will also spend a day developing your English and Maths and building a portfolio of theoretical knowledge and experience. During the course you'll visit a range of equine businesses and take part in trips to international events such as Olympia, Badminton, Newmarket, Blenheim, Ireland, Brecon Beacons and Saumur – helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.

If you are not a confident rider or do not wish to ride, a non-riding option is also available.

TOPICS COVERED

- Equine industry
- Husbandry and horse care
- Riding
- Feeding and watering
- Horse health
- Handling horses

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Functional Skills in English and Maths

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above, or evidence of studying Entry Level 3.

If you choose to do the riding option you will be assessed on your riding skills at interview.

CAREERS

- Competition groom
- Groom
- Yard assistant
- Stud worker
- Retail
- Event management

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Equine Studies

EQUINE STUDIES

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN EQUINE CARE (RIDING AND NON-RIDING PATHWAYS AVAILABLE)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is ideal if you want to enhance your practical skills and knowledge for future employment in the equine industry or for higher level study.

You'll enjoy practical and theory sessions to learn how to handle a variety of horses, develop your riding and husbandry skills and broaden your knowledge of subjects such as horse biology. During the course you'll visit a range of equine businesses and take part in trips to international events such as Olympia, Badminton, Newmarket, Blenheim, Ireland, Brecon Beacons and Saumur – helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.

If you are not a confident rider or do not wish to ride, a non-riding option is also available.

TOPICS COVERED

- Equine Health and Welfare
- Horse tack and equipment
- Principles of feeding and watering horses
- Equine Centre duties
- Horse handling and husbandry
- Caring for competition horses
- Riding horses
- Introduction to equine anatomy and physiology

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- BHS stage qualifications – see www.bhs.org.uk for more information
- Maths or English GCSE if not held at grade 4/C

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 3/D or above or Level 1 qualification.

If you choose to do the riding option you will be assessed on your riding skills at interview.

CAREERS

- Competition groom
- Groom
- Yard assistant
- Stud worker
- Journalist
- Retail
- Event management

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Equine Studies

CHOOSE THIS
COURSE IF...

...you want to learn more
about horse care and biology.



MY STUDENT STORY...

I've been here for three years and I'm studying Level 3 Equine studies. I started off at Level 2 – I came here knowing barely anything about horses and that gave me the foundations. I've learnt so much and it's given me a lot of confidence about working with horses and I feel comfortable around them.

We've just got a new facility – the Sir Mark Todd Rider Performance Studio. Charisma is a Racewood Eventing Simulator. I was lucky to be part of the launch, which was amazing. I got to meet Sir Mark Todd himself. Charisma is going to help us with research going forward and helping riders starting off as well which will be amazing.

I live on campus, which is great. You get the freedom of a taste of being an adult without the massive responsibilities. It's a great freedom and you get to meet new friends. The wardens are great, they're always there to lend a helping hand. There's always something to do around the campus or trips to Winchester which isn't far.

I would definitely recommend Sparsholt. I've loved every minute of it. There's always something new to learn and I think Sparsholt gets the balance of the practical and theory side of the lessons so well. The staff are amazing and I feel like they always go the extra mile to help you do better. Hopefully I'm going to go to university and further my knowledge and experience. Hopefully one day you'll see me on TV riding around Badminton!

ELIMAN

LEVEL 3 EQUINE STUDENT

EQUINE STUDIES

LEVEL 3

(RIDING AND NON-RIDING OPTIONS AVAILABLE)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You'll gain detailed academic knowledge and understanding of horse management and equitation through both theory and practical sessions.

The fantastic on-site facilities will bring your studies to life, giving you the opportunity to apply what you have learnt in a real equine environment. Part of the course is a work placement and we have excellent links with organisations and businesses which provide a great range of experience. You'll also take part in off-site trips that in the past have included Olympia, Badminton, Newmarket, Blenheim, Ireland, Brecon Beacons and Saumur.

TOPICS COVERED

- Behaviour
- Training
- Equine anatomy
- Health and welfare
- Riding and husbandry
- Event management
- Equine science and nutrition
- Business

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- BHS stage qualifications – see www.bhs.org.uk for more information

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

You'll be assessed on your riding skills at interview.

CAREERS

- Jockey
- Riding instructor
- Farrier
- Stud or stable manager and associated roles
- Equine veterinary nurse or technician
- Equine nutritionist
- Journalist
- Retail
- Event management

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc or BSc degrees in Equine Science or Equestrian Performance Management, either at Sparsholt or another institution.

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Our Racewood Eventing Simulator 'Charisma' uses state-of-the-art motion control technology. Grand Prix dressage, show jumping and cross country disciplines are brought to life in a controlled, safe environment, providing the ideal conditions for Sparsholt students to expand their research in the growing field of rider performance and analysis.



FISHERY STUDIES

The fisheries management industry includes everything to do with the care and upkeep of fish and their environments and Sparsholt has everything you need to start your career in this sector.

As a leader in Fishery and Aquatic studies recognised worldwide for our expertise in providing fishery studies training, our on-site facilities and our industry links, we have forged an unrivalled reputation. This means we can offer the best training for a career working with freshwater fisheries and fish farming, and exotic and ornamental fish.



OUT & ABOUT

Microchipping carp to prevent theft at Sandhurst Lake.

DID YOU KNOW ?

We have been running fishery courses since the 1970s so a high proportion of the people working in the UK fishery industries are former students. This provides an excellent network of contacts for work experience and jobs.



CAREERS

- Fish Farming
- River Keeping



FACILITIES

- The Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre
- Salmonid Rearing and Trials Centre
- Coarse Fishing Lake



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Institute of Fishery Management
- Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA)
- British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
- British Trout Association
- Environment Agency



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- University of Portsmouth
- University of Plymouth
- University Centre Sparsholt



MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I was a Sparsholt student and after qualifying I worked in fish husbandry, river management and as a fish farmer. My specialist areas are fishery management, warm water and marine aquaculture, fishery mechanisation and cyprinid farming."

JAMES WATSON
LECTURER



COUNTRYSIDE SKILLS

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this introductory course you'll develop a wide range of practical and employment skills with game birds, deer, fish and conservation as well as the use of modern machinery.

The course is designed to give you a range of skills and experience to allow you to identify and progress on to your area of interest.

Learning in a realistic environment will also give you the skills and confidence to progress further in education or into an Apprenticeship.

TOPICS COVERED

- Habitat and maintenance skills
- Animal welfare
- Conservation management
- Health and Safety in land-based industries
- Teamwork and communication
- Progression and personal development
- Maths and English skills

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Functional Skills in Maths or English

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Trout, carp or ornamental fish farms
- Sport fisheries
- Aquatic retail shops

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)



LAND AND WILDLIFE (FISH)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll learn the theory and practical skills needed for the fish management industry. You'll be involved in a range of practical activities both at the College and off-site at fish farms, local rivers and stillwater fisheries.

Towards the end of the course you'll put your skills into practice during work experience which will help you to build up valuable employer contacts and potentially gain employment.

TOPICS COVERED

- Work experience and industry organisation
- Fish health and biology
- Game and coarse angling
- Freshwater sport fishery management

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- English and Maths GCSE if not already held at grade 4/C or above.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSEs at grade 3/D, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3/D or Level 1 qualification and a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Trout, carp or ornamental fish farms
- Sport fisheries
- Aquatic retail shops

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate/ Diploma/Extended Diploma Land and Wildlife Management





MY STUDENT STORY...

I chose Sparsholt College because of its great location and huge reputation – it has produced most of the big names in riverkeeping and in fish farming.

I found the course to be very educational, very fun and very interactive. My tutors are really supportive and if I need any help they are always there to give it to me. By attending all practical visits off-site I have met a lot of riverkeepers in their working environment and with Sparsholt's reputation being so strong, industry links to jobs and large companies are very good.

I have learnt many skills such as tractor driving, using electro fishing kit, water testing and water quality requirements which I can take into the workplace and use in job situations. The best bit of equipment we've used is probably the electro fishing kits – we have been taught how to use them safely and effectively on rivers and stillwaters to take surveys of fish stocks.

I have also enjoyed living on-site with friends and learning about subjects we are very passionate about that will help me in the workplace when I leave. My work placement was on a big estate with large coarse fishing lakes and a small shoot so this gave me a wide range of tasks and great opportunities to learn new skills. My dream job would be a river keeper on one of the southern chalk streams.

JAMES

**LEVEL 3 LAND AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT STUDENT**

LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISH)

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll study a wide range of fishery and aquatics related subjects via both practical and theoretical teaching. Regular off-site practicals, external industry speakers and industry visits all give you the opportunity to develop valuable industry contacts. This course includes a three week block of industry based placements each year and a specialist end of year trip to reward progress and achievement.

You'll be taught by many of the leading experts in the fishery industry and will study core units and optional pathways in areas such as fishery management; including stillwater and rivers, the angling industry or aquatics management, aquarium systems and exotic animal husbandry.

TOPICS COVERED

- Fish biology and the science of water quality
- Fish farming and breeding
- Pond design, installation and maintenance
- Environmental management and maintenance
- Sport fishery management
- Industry experience

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Tractor driving
- Chainsaw use
- Fishery and aquatics industry skills
- Angling coaching award

You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4/C or above.

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4/C, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4/C or a Merit grade at Level 2.

CAREERS

- Assistant fishery or fish farm manager
- Environment Agency technician
- River keeper
- Tackle and bait retail and manufacturing
- Angling coach
- Pond design and building
- Aquatic retail industry
- Research and conservation

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc in Sport Fisheries and Aquaculture or Marine Ecology and Conservation
- BSc (Hons) in Aquaculture and Fishery Management, Marine Biology, Aquatic Biology or Aquatic Zoology

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.

Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre



FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME (FOUNDATION LAND-BASED COURSE, FLC)

The Foundation Studies Programme (FSP) supports students with learning difficulties who would like to develop their personal and social skills alongside their vocational knowledge and understanding, in a rural learning environment.

Learners are taught in small groups and are supported by fully qualified and experienced staff in specialist on-site facilities. Each course is one year and progression reviews take place in the spring term ready for the next year.

WHAT DO I NEED TO JOIN THE COURSE?

A good reference, interest in the subject and attendance at an interview and taster day.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Students could progress in the Foundation Studies Programme or on to Further Education and training. Students will have an end of year review with their tutor to decide on the most suitable option.

THE FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME FOCUSES ON:

- Individual learning programmes
- Building self-confidence through achievable goals
- Hands on practical activities
- High levels of pastoral support
- Working in small groups
- Health and wellbeing activities

PROGRESSION

- Life skills
- Vocational courses
- Employability skills, including Maths and English skills

HOW TO APPLY...

To discuss applying for any of these courses please call the FLC Curriculum Leader on **01962 797216**.



LIFE SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

ENTRY LEVEL 2 AND 3

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY FOR THESE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Certificate in Independent Living and Employability skills
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression
- Health and safety units

YOU WILL DEVELOP BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:

- Kitchen skills
- Employability skills
- Time management
- Personal and social development
- On-site work experience
- ICT

BENEFITS AND PROGRESSION

- Specialist and experienced staff in exceptional on-site facilities
- Small student groups
- Some animal and plant work in Horticulture, the Animal Management Centre and the College farm
- You could progress within the Foundation Studies Programme or on to further education and training

VOCATIONAL ENTRY LEVEL 2

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY FOR THESE QUALIFICATIONS:

- City and Guilds Diploma in Skills for Working Life
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression
- Health and safety units
- Working with plants and animals

YOU WILL DEVELOP BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:

- **Horticulture:** identify plants, prepare, plant and weed an area
- **Agriculture:** recognise farm animals, bed down and feed farm animals
- **Floristry:** wrap flowers and plants, and make seasonal arrangements
- **Animal Care:** recognise small animals, assist with cleaning animal housing and feeding animals

WHAT DO I NEED TO JOIN THE COURSE?

A good reference, interest in the subject and attendance at an interview and taster day.

PROGRESSION

Students could progress in the Foundation Studies Programme or onto further education and training. Students will have an end of year review with their tutor to decide on the suitable option.

VOCATIONAL ENTRY LEVEL 3 – AGRICULTURE

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY WITH ONE MAIN QUALIFICATION:

- City and Guilds Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Agricultural Animals

YOU WILL WORK ON THE COLLEGE FARM AND WILL DEVELOP BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:

- Livestock
- Recognising farm animals
- Recognising and preparing animal housing
- Moving and feeding farm animals
- The programme also incorporates health and safety units
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression and employability

PROGRESSION

Students could progress on to LEAP Level 1, cross-college Level 1 courses or further education and training.

VOCATIONAL ENTRY LEVEL 3 – ANIMAL CARE

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY WITH ONE MAIN QUALIFICATION:

- City and Guilds Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Animal Care

YOU WILL WORK IN THE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CENTRE AND WILL DEVELOP BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:

- Animal husbandry
- Health checking a small animal
- Assisting with catching and restraining a small animal for grooming
- Students will work primarily with dogs, cats, rabbits and chickens, but will also have the opportunity to work with rodents and other species on occasions
- The programme also incorporates health and safety units
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression and employability

PROGRESSION

Students could progress on to LEAP Level 1, cross-college Level 1 courses or further education and training.





VOCATIONAL ENTRY LEVEL 3 – HORSE CARE

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY WITH ONE MAIN QUALIFICATION:

- City and Guilds Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Horse Care

YOU WILL WORK IN THE EQUINE CENTRE AND WILL DEVELOP BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:

- Basic horse management
- Handling horses
- Grooming
- Mucking out

- Health checking
- Rugging up
- Tacking up
- Cleaning tack
- The programme also incorporates health and safety units
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression and employability

You will not be required to ride for this course.

PROGRESSION

Students could progress on to LEAP Level 1, cross-college Level 1 courses or further education and training.

VOCATIONAL ENTRY LEVEL 3 – HORTICULTURE

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY WITH ONE MAIN QUALIFICATION:

- City and Guilds Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Land and Plant

YOU WILL WORK IN THE HORTICULTURE FACILITIES AND WILL DEVELOP BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:

- Horticulture
- Recognising parts of plants
- Harvesting a crop
- Inserting plant material
- Controlling weeds in a planted area
- Watering plant material by hand
- The programme also incorporates health and safety units
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression and employability

PROGRESSION

Students could progress on to LEAP Level 1, cross-college Level 1 courses or further education and training.

LEARNING, EMPLOYABILITY AND PROGRESSION LEVEL 1

YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF STUDY WITH ONE MAIN QUALIFICATION:

- Laser Learning Employability and Progression Diploma (LEAP) Level 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- Students will learn about employability skills together with vocational work in a variety of land-based settings
- The programme provides opportunities for internal and external supported, meaningful work experience
- Maths and English qualifications to develop skills for further progression and employability

PROGRESSION

Students could progress on to cross-college courses, further education or supported internships.





GAME AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Join our well-connected, skilled and employable students in a highly successful department with a renowned record of training courses for gamekeepers and those involved in all aspects of estate and wildlife management.

Game and Wildlife Management at Sparsholt College has an enviable reputation in the industry as a centre for the training and development of outstanding students, who progress to a successful career in the industry. This success is built on the outstanding facilities that students use, and links with an international network of industry contacts, to develop knowledge and skills that are valued by employers.



OUT & ABOUT

Working with Bright Seeds to know which cover crops to grow where.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Sparsholt has been training gamekeepers since the 1970s and there are now ex-students on every continent except Antarctica.



CAREERS

- Underkeeper or Beatkeeper
- Wildlife Ranger
- Deer Stalker



FACILITIES

- Game and Wildlife Centre
- Rifle and Clay Shooting Ranges
- Game Larder
- Deer and Estate Management
- Sika Deer Herd
- Full Game Rearing Facilities



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Remington
- Forestry Commission
- LANTRA
- The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Natural England
- Danish Hunters Association
- Zeiss UK Ltd
- The National Gamekeepers' Organisation
- The British Deer Society
- CLA
- The Deer Initiative
- Sporting Shooter
- The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)
- Shooting Times
- Owton's traditional family butchers

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Game and Wildlife Management
- Butchery

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UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University
- University Centre Sparsholt

MEET YOUR EXPERT



"I gained a degree in Rural Resource Management, have managed game and wildlife in France, Belgium and the UK before teaching, am passionate about deer management and enjoy fly fishing."

ROD GREENWOOD

LECTURER

COUNTRYSIDE SKILLS

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this introductory course you'll develop a wide range of practical and employment skills with game birds, deer, fish and modern machinery.

This course is designed to give you a range of skills and experiences to allow you to identify and progress on to your area of interest.

Learning in a realistic environment will give you the skills and confidence to progress further in education or into an Apprenticeship.

TOPICS COVERED

- Habitat and maintenance skills
- Animal welfare Conservation management
- Health and Safety in land-based industries
- Teamwork and communication
- Progression and personal development
- Maths and English skills

Optional Additional Qualifications:

You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4/C or above.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Underkeeper
- Assistant keeper
- Game farm assistant

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping



LAND AND WILDLIFE (GAME)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll discover the theory and practical aspects needed for the management of game and deer and their associated habitats. You'll be involved in a range of practical activities both at the College and off-site at local shooting estates, where you'll be working alongside their gamekeepers.

You'll also put your skills into practice during a work placement, either with an industry-based employer or at the College, which will help you to build up valuable contacts and potentially gain employment.

TOPICS COVERED

- Game and deer management and bird rearing
- Conservation and improvement of British habitats
- Industry skills development
- Introduction to firearms
- Pest and predator control
- Estate maintenance
- Maths and English Skills

Optional Additional Qualifications:

You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4/C or above.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Maths and English GCSEs at grade 3/D, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3/D or Level 1 qualification plus a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Beatkeeper
- Underkeeper
- Pest controller
- Estate worker
- Wildlife ranger

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate/ Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Game) or (Countryside)
- Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping at Level 3

CHOOSE THIS COURSE IF...

...you're passionate about rearing game and the British countryside.

MY STUDENT STORY...

I enjoy all elements of gamekeeping, from helping set up the rearing fields to running lines in the shoot season.

The course has been challenging and has pushed me to think more like a gamekeeper, which is helping me grow into a capable young adult. One of the most important skills I have learnt is to manage all sides of a habitat, so you are working with nature rather than against it. The lecturers are always there to help you improve your ideas on a drive, management or even rearing and we also get to rear different types of birds like quail which is great hands-on experience.

A typical day at Sparsholt is always fun, especially when you are shooting in the rifle range or out on neighbouring farms. The atmosphere is great, you gain some good friends and we all help each other to achieve our goals.

After college I'd like to progress on to deer management. Sparsholt has helped me prepare for this by helping me learn more about deer and using the Sika herd we have on-site to understand behaviour. The course has also helped me to become more confident and able to work with people of all ages and experience, with the contacts to help me find my way in the industry. It is a great experience to have!

APRIL

**LEVEL 3 LAND AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT STUDENT**



LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (GAME)

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

These practical and theory based courses will provide you with the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to effectively manage a wide range of game species and their habitats.

You'll undertake work placements on sporting estates, giving you the opportunity to build your industry and employment contacts.

TOPICS COVERED

- Wildlife ecology
- Habitat management and estate and conservation skills
- Deer management and stalking
- Game bird rearing and production
- Pest and predator control
- Shoot management and firearm use

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Chainsaw and brushcutter use
- All terrain vehicle handling (quad bikes)
- Award in Wild Game Meat Hygiene
- Deer Stalking Certificate Level 1

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4/C plus three other GCSEs at 4/C or Level 2 at Merit.

CAREERS

- Underkeeper or beatkeeper working on a sporting estate
- Wildlife ranger with the Forestry Commission
- Deer manager

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree courses in Ecology and Rural Estate Management
- Level 4 Apprenticeships

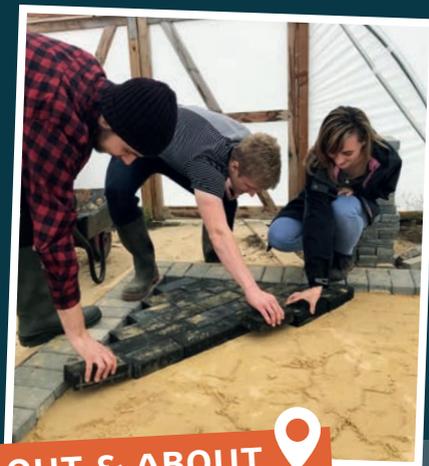
THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.



HORTICULTURE

Our industry links are excellent – from Marshalls, the UK’s leading hard landscaping manufacturer, to the RHS and the Chartered Institute of Horticulture – so if you’re looking to enter the thriving horticulture industry, studying at Sparsholt will help you get ahead.

With a national reputation for excellence in horticulture and garden design, Sparsholt will provide you with the valuable knowledge and training to launch you directly into the industry or higher study at university. Our expert teaching team is renowned within the industry, regularly winning Gold Medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



OUT & ABOUT

Marshalls giving our students a landscaping masterclass.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Your new skills and qualifications are also highly regarded across the world – horticulturalists aged under 30 receive maximum points to apply for emigration to Australia or New Zealand.



CAREERS

- Garden Design
- Landscaping
- Commercial Production



FACILITIES

- BBC Gardeners' Question Time garden
- Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice
- Production polytunnels
- Garden design studio
- Tropical glasshouses

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Horticulture (Golf Greenkeeper, Sports Turf Operative, Horticulture or Landscape Operative)

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INDUSTRY LINKS

- The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
- The Horticultural Trades Association
- British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)
- Marshalls
- The Chartered Institute of Horticulture
- The National Trust
- The Association of Professional Landscapers
- Thompson & Morgan



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Sheffield
- University of Gloucester

MEET YOUR EXPERT



"I have always been interested in plants and their arrangement and work closely with outside organisations, such as Plant Heritage, the RHS and the National Trust, to promote their use. Since 1998 I have coordinated the College's display for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, winning 22 medals including nine Gold and six 'Best in Category' awards."

CHRIS BIRD
LECTURER



Royal Horticultural
Society



RHS Chelsea
Flower Show

2019

**RHS CHELSEA GOLD MEDAL WINNERS
& 'BEST IN DISCOVERY' AWARD 2019**

**RHS CHELSEA GOLD MEDAL WINNERS
& 'BEST IN DISCOVERY' AWARD 2018**

RHS CHELSEA SILVER MEDAL WINNERS 2017

**UNIQUE COLLABORATION EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP WITH MARSHALLS – THE UK'S
LEADING HARD LANDSCAPING MANUFACTURER**



The Gold Medal Winning
'Behind the Genes'
team sponsored by
Thompson & Morgan.

HORTICULTURE

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will give you a practical introduction to horticulture, allowing you to learn and develop the skills needed for employment. A range of visits to support the curriculum will be arranged over the year including RHS Garden Wisley, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and National Trust Gardens.

TOPICS COVERED

- Work practice
- Planting, establishing and maintaining plants outdoors
- Maintaining grass
- Operating machinery
- Plant propagation

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Employment Practical Horticulture Skills
- Functional Skills in English and Maths/GCSE in English and Maths

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above/successful completion of an Entry Level course.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Garden centres
- Nurseries
- Greenkeeping

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 in Horticulture
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Horticulture

HORTICULTURE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This practical and theory based course will give you the skills and knowledge needed to progress into a specialised and increasingly sophisticated industry. You'll take part in weekly work experience on the College campus to familiarise yourself with a true working environment. A range of visits to support the curriculum will be arranged over the year including RHS Garden Wisley, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and the National Trust Gardens.

TOPICS COVERED

- Establishment and maintenance of plants outdoors
- Plant and soil science
- Landscape construction
- Health and safety
- English and Maths
- Horticultural machinery
- Plant identification and selection

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Level 2 Award in Safe Use of Pedestrian Controlled Mowers

You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4/C or above.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above with Maths and English at grade 3/D or relevant Level 1 qualification.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Garden centres
- Nurseries
- Greenkeeping
- Hard landscaping

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 in Horticulture

CHOOSE THIS
COURSE IF...

...you'd like to learn plant science and identification.



MY STUDENT STORY...

Sparsholt had been on my radar for many years – it has a reputation for being a leader in the field and I wanted to learn from the best. The thought of also being involved in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and working on-site at the set of Gardeners' Question Time was a big draw. It truly is a phenomenal place to learn.

I have really enjoyed the course's diversity. From plant identification to pests and diseases, turf management to establishing amenity areas, timber and surveying to plant and soil science, there is something new every day. It's full on and fantastic!

The tutors are phenomenal – professional, experts in their fields, easy to talk to and engaging. The links to the industry are simply fantastic. I've already experienced so much, including visits to RHS Garden Wisley, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, trade shows such as FutureScape and work experience placements to a number of local gardens and at Marwell Zoo.

Every aspect of my learning is preparing me for the real world, and because of the diverse subject areas covered I will have a portfolio of skills suitable for a number of different sectors within the horticultural industry.

After finishing my course I'll either work in grounds management or I'll set up my own landscaping company. Already my business management lessons are helping me to understand the complexities of setting up my own business. My NPTC examinations are also giving me industry recognised qualifications that are making me more and more employable by the day.

LOUISE

LEVEL 3 HORTICULTURE STUDENT

HORTICULTURE

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (360)/ DIPLOMA (540)/EXTENDED DIPLOMA (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our students have enormous opportunities open to them and take part in and contribute to high profile shows and competitions wherever possible around curriculum and examination tables. Previous experiences include WorldSkills Landscaping, RHS Chelsea Flower Show and the Young Horticulturalist of the Year.

This course will help you develop the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for progression into the horticulture industry. You'll cover aspects of landscaping, amenity and commercial horticulture as well as taking part in 150 hours external placement to develop contacts and gain experience.

Throughout the year you'll visit RHS Garden Wisley, National Trust gardens such as Stourhead and local enterprises to immerse yourself in the horticulture industry.

TOPICS COVERED

- Plant and soil science
- Horticultural business management
- Ornamental plant identification
- Horticultural machinery operation and maintenance
- Construct and maintain decking and fencing
- Plant propagation and care
- Principles of sustainable development and ecology
- Construct and restore walls
- Principles and practices of landscape and garden design

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Pedestrian Controlled Mowers
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Hedge Trimmers
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Ride on Mowers
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Pesticides



DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One year course: four GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English or Maths and Science/relevant Level 2 with at least three units at Merit.

Two year course: five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 at Merit level.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Greenkeeping
- Garden design
- Commercial production
- Hard or soft landscaping
- Botanic and heritage gardening
- Science and research
- Therapeutic or social gardening

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc and BSc courses in Horticulture or Garden Design

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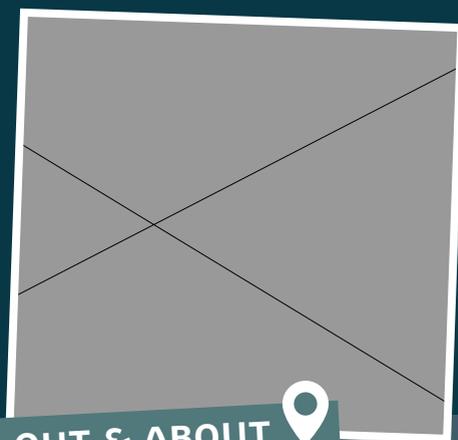




MOTOR VEHICLE

Driving preparation, go-karting and hands-on learning are all on offer at Sparsholt, supported by the latest industry standard equipment and our motor vehicle workshops, opened by Formula 1 legends Ross Brawn and Jody Scheckter.

Our talented team of staff are all industry trained and therefore ensure you have the practical knowledge and skills to work in the industry or progress to higher level study. The department has achieved 100% achievement for every student for the last three years. Level 1 and 2 fitting principles students take part in a 'Top Gear Go-karting' fastest lap challenge throughout the year. The courses and activities will develop personal and life skills, and include a community project helping local charities.



OUT & ABOUT

Students had a great time on their trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum.

DID YOU KNOW ?

We are exploring basic electric and hybrid car technology to further improve our students' employment prospects.



CAREERS

- Service Adviser
- Armed Forces
- Body Repair Shop
- Fast-fit Technician
- Parts Adviser



FACILITIES

- Body Repair Shop
- Three brand new workshops
- Welding and fabrication workshop
- Fast-fit tyre and exhaust workshop



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Silverstone
- Motorparts Direct
- Santa Pod Raceway
- Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands
- Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Motor Vehicle
(Vehicle Maintenance and Repair)

FIND OUT MORE ON PAGE 28



MEET YOUR EXPERT



“My passion for motor vehicles began on a Youth Training Scheme in Cyprus in the late 1980s. I spent 18 years in HM Forces as a Vehicle Mechanic/Instructor in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. I have taught Mechanical Engineering for 10 years in further education. I am committed to passing on my knowledge and skills to enable students to follow their chosen path.”

FRANK POULSON
LECTURER

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is a great starting point for your career in the motor vehicle industry, giving you the chance to use the equipment found in any motor vehicle workshop and learn the basic health and safety needed in the workplace.

As well as learning basic driving techniques using the College's dual control car and building and driving go-karts, you'll also have the opportunity to go on trips to Teamsport go-karting, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, Silverstone Education Centre and Moto GP, Mercedes World and MACH Engineering Show.

TOPICS COVERED

- Health and safety practices in vehicle maintenance
- Tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance
- Si engine systems, components and operation
- Engine liquid cooling and lubrication systems components and operation
- Steering and suspension systems components and maintenance (four wheels or more)
- Vehicle braking system components and maintenance
- Vehicle lighting system maintenance
- Preparation to become a driver
- Electric vehicle awareness

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Level 1 or Entry Level 3 Functional Skills in English or Maths at grade E/1

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above/successful completion of an Entry Level course.

CAREERS

- Fast-fit workshop
- Tyre fitting
- Body repair centre

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles
- IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Level 2 Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship



MY STUDENT STORY...

I first came to Sparsholt at age 14 for the 14–16 programme on the recommendation of my school. I felt I would get a lot of help here. I've now progressed through to Level 3 and have been here for a very enjoyable six years!

Sparsholt is fantastic at supporting students – the College tutors and pastoral tutors are good and there is lots of help available from study support and the library. The College is very well-equipped for anything you might need.

We have good links with local garages and the College also has a good motor vehicle apprenticeship. Visits such as shows at the

NEC and Santa Pod to find out what's on offer as mechanics are also very valuable.

The best thing about Sparsholt is the relaxed atmosphere – everyone feels safe and gets on well. We are treated like adults.

The support has been there from day one. The College hasn't only helped me academically but also personally, raising my self-esteem and confidence to find jobs or apprenticeships.

CALLUM

LEVEL 3 LIGHT VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PRINCIPLES STUDENT

VEHICLE FITTING PRINCIPLES

LEVEL 2

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will develop your skills for the fast-fit industry. Alternatively, if you need some time to develop your practical and academic skills, it is also a great grounding for the Level 2 Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles course. As part of the course you'll also take part in some work experience to develop your employability.

Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.

TOPICS COVERED

- Health and safety and good housekeeping in the automotive environment
- Supporting job roles in the automotive work environment
- Materials, fabrication, tools and measuring devices used in the automotive environment
- Inspection, repair and replacement of high performance light vehicle tyres
- Inspection and replacement of light vehicle exhaust components
- Inspection, testing and replacement of vehicle batteries and related components
- Inspection, adjustment and replacement of light vehicle braking systems and components

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- GCSE English and Maths

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 3/D or relevant Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle and minimum of Level 1.

CAREERS

- Fast-fit fitter
- Semi-skilled vehicle fitter

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Maintenance Service and Repair (with English and Maths GCSE grade 4/C or above)
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Vehicle Fitting – Fast Fit

LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You'll learn to identify light vehicle components, understand component and unit operation, remove, check and refit components and adjust and maintain components and units.

Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.

TOPICS COVERED

- Work safely and productively in the workshop environment
- Build good working relationships with peers, supervisors and customers in the motor vehicle environment
- Understanding tools and materials used in light vehicle maintenance and repair
- Light vehicle engine mechanical components and operations
- Electrical principles and operations of light vehicle electrical systems
- Brakes, steering and suspension systems used on light vehicles
- Light vehicle transmission systems, including clutches, gearboxes and drive line components

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- GCSE English and Maths

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 Vehicle Fitting Principles + 4/C in English and Maths following resits.

CAREERS

- Semi-skilled service technician
- Vehicle parts, sales and store keeping
- A range of practical skills-based roles using industry standard tools for removing and refitting components
- Service advisor

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles, Level 3 Diploma
- Motor Vehicle Apprenticeships



LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course covers the theory part of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Light Vehicle Service and Repair and is a mix of theory and practical work.

You'll study the understanding, diagnosis and repair of light vehicle system faults. Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.

TOPICS COVERED

- Diagnosis and rectification of vehicle auxiliary electrical faults, light vehicle engine faults, light vehicle chassis system faults and light vehicle transmission and drive-line faults
- Overhauling light vehicle engine mechanical units
- Personal and social development skills with CV writing and mock interviews

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- GCSE English and Maths

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 2 IMI Diploma in Vehicle Service and Repair Principles (or other awarding body equivalent qualification)/relevant industry experience and English and Maths at grade 4/C.

CAREERS

- Semi-skilled service technician
- Service adviser

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Higher Education: Level 4 Motor Sport Courses
- Light Vehicle Apprenticeship

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

**CHOOSE THIS
COURSE IF...**

...you want to learn how to diagnose and fix vehicle faults.



SPORT, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

Serious about sport? Passionate about outdoor adventure? Committed to a public services career? So are we! Set within 450 acres of Hampshire countryside the Sparsholt sports department provides outstanding facilities for high standards of learning in all areas of sport, outdoor adventure and public services.

From participating in a variety of sport and fitness activities, to learning about anatomy, physiology and the psychology of sport, our purpose-built Sports Centre with climbing wall provides the ideal learning space.



OUT & ABOUT

A fantastic week long ski trip in Serre Chevalier.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Sports Centre is home to the largest climbing wall in any college in the region and also houses its own Sport England multi-purpose sports hall. Our Football Academy is renowned and we have a Second Chance Programme with AFC Bournemouth.



CAREERS

- Instructor
- Specialist Coach
- PE Teacher
- Athlete
- Sports Therapist



FACILITIES

- Indoor Sports Centre
- Large purpose built indoor climbing wall
- High quality fully equipped fitness suite and exercise studio
- High quality football pitch and training areas
- Low ropes course for leadership training and instruction
- Exclusive access to a local lake for kayaking and canoeing



INDUSTRY LINKS

- British Canoe Union
- PGL Outdoor Ltd
- AFC Bournemouth
- Sport England
- Andover Town Football Club
- Armed Forces
- Emergency Services



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Some of our students' university destinations:

- University of Portsmouth
- University of Brighton
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- University of Plymouth
- Southampton Solent University

MEET YOUR EXPERT



"As a previous Sparsholt student, I went on to represent Great Britain in canoe polo. I am a keen kayaker and enjoy winter mountaineering. I worked at the QE2 Activity Centre with children and adults with additional needs and am passionate about passing on my knowledge and expertise."

SCOTT FANCOURT
LECTURER



SPORT

LEVEL 1 VOCATIONAL STUDIES

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is ideal if you have few or no formal qualifications and you want to start your journey into the world of sport. It will provide the opportunity for you to develop the learning skills to progress to higher level quantification as well as experiencing the range of options available within the department.

You will not only hone your organisational skills but will explore a range of units across sport, outdoor adventure and public services. The course is delivered as a combination of practical and theory lessons and could enable you to progress to a Level 2 course on completion.

TOPICS COVERED

- Being organised
- Developing a personal progression plan
- Working with others
- Researching a topic
- Investigating a crime scene
- Contributing to running an event
- Responding to an incident
- Planning and navigating a route
- Playing sport

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two GCSEs at grade 3–1/D–E or above, or evidence of studying Entry Level 3.



SPORT AND ACTIVITY LEADERS

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course covers the practical and theoretical aspects of sport and provides the opportunity to progress on to the Level 3 Sport course, or directly on to employment, as well as enjoying all the industry standard facilities of our state-of-the-art Sports Centre.

In addition to the course we offer lots of extracurricular activities such as five-a-side football, badminton, gym club, kayaking, community coaching projects and much more.

TOPICS COVERED

- Leading sport safety and effectively
- Working in sport and activity leadership
- Leading sport and physical activity
- Coaching sport
- Developing skills for sport and activity leadership
- Getting others active outdoors
- Leading different groups
- Delivering a sports activity event

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- First Aid

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D, Maths and English at grade 3/D, Level 1 Diploma or equivalent.

CAREERS

- Teaching
- Coaching
- Sports journalism
- Sports therapist
- Personal training

CHOOSE THIS COURSE IF...

...you want to start a career in sport and physical activity.

*Dedicated
Fitness*

MY STUDENT STORY...

I've always enjoyed fitness and wanted to combine something I enjoy with a working wage and build a profitable business. I chose Sparsholt because not only do you get the Diploma but also the chance to get Level 2 gym instructor, Level 2 kettlebells and Level 2 circuit training instructor qualifications, which gave me the ability to get a job straight from college.

The facilities were of a high standard, with a variety of up-to-date equipment that allowed a good range of lessons and helped me familiarise myself with different gym equipment. The lecturers were all very supportive.

The course gave me the confidence as well as the qualification to progress in my career, plus the opportunity to meet people who share the same passion within the fitness industry and the building blocks to start my own business, Dedicated Fitness, as a qualified PT instructor.

I currently work in a gym, alongside running my own private personal training business from my own gym. Without my time at Sparsholt I would never have been able to achieve the thriving business I have today – so study hard, complete the work and it will pay dividends!

JACK

LEVEL 3 SPORT GRADUATE

SPORT (FITNESS ACADEMY)

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA AND EXTENDED DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Taught in our state-of-the-art Sports Centre by dedicated industry professionals, you'll gain a detailed knowledge of the sports and fitness industry. You'll work with talented athletes training on our other sports programmes, devising fitness programmes, advising on injuries, nutrition and performance enhancement techniques to develop your knowledge of real training situations and will also have the opportunity to take part in trips.

The course involves a mix of theory and practice relating to sport, recreation, leisure and physical education. You'll also benefit from work experience, visits to local industries and guest speakers, as well as the opportunity to run your own event. With our close links with the University of Portsmouth, Level 3 Sport learners have the opportunity to explore their Sport Science facilities and discover what progression to a degree might offer. There is also the option to follow an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) whilst being supported by current degree students. This qualification offers additional UCAS points thus enhancing an application to a degree course.



TOPICS COVERED

- Anatomy and physiology
- Fitness training and programming for health, sport and wellbeing
- Sports leadership
- Practical sports performance
- Coaching for performance
- Application of fitness testing
- Sports psychology
- Sports event organisation

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- Gym/Kettlebell/Circuits Instructor
- First Aid

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 Diploma at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Teaching
- Sports journalism
- Sports therapist
- Personal training
- Coaching

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL ACADEMY

You will study the Level 3 Extended Diploma Fitness Academy Pathway alongside the Women's Football Academy.

We work closely with a number of local football clubs. Participants have the opportunity to play Futsal and in the Super 7s League. The Academy also boasts links to American universities where scholarships can be offered for players seeking international playing experiences. These links will give you the best possible experience and exposure to the game, preparing you for a professional career and a variety of employment routes into the sports industry. The course involves a mix of theory and practice, relating to sport, recreation, leisure and physical education.





MEET YOUR EXPERT



"I play in the FA Premier League for Southampton WFC as a right back/centre back depending on the team's tactical system, so am very up-to-date with the professional game.

I had a season in management when injured in 2016, managing Southampton Women's Reserves in an undefeated season and winning the side promotion to the Southern Regional Division."

SAMANTHA VOKES
GIRLS' FOOTBALL
ACADEMY MANAGER



FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The AFC Bournemouth – Senior Training Centre (Sparsholt) Second Chance Programme is for talented young footballers aged 16–19 to develop their footballing potential alongside gaining national qualifications in sport at Levels 1–3.

PLAYERS IN THE SECOND CHANCE PROGRAMME WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT BY:

- Taking part in training led by UEFA A and B Licence Coaches
- Visiting AFC Bournemouth’s training ground to participate in training
- Regular performance monitoring from Sparsholt College staff
- Feedback to AFC Bournemouth regarding progress
- Opportunity to play matches against AFC Bournemouth Academy
- Take part in matches as AFC Bournemouth (Sparsholt) in the National Football Youth League (U19)



SECOND CHANCE PROGRAMME

All players train at least three times per week and play in a comprehensive match programme. In 2018/19 we had teams competing in the following leagues and competitions: National Football Youth League under AFC Bournemouth CST Sparsholt, National League Youth Alliance, Hampshire Colleges Football League, FA Youth Cup, Hants Midweek Floodlit Cup and English Colleges Cup.

In 2018/19 our Second Chance Programme finished third in the National Football Youth League South Premier Division (the highest level of football outside of the professional academy system in the country), as well as reaching the Hants Midweek Floodlit Cup Final and going six rounds to reach the third Round Proper in the FA Youth Cup. Players also gained professional and semi-professional contracts during the season.

ANDOVER TOWN FC

Players will have the opportunity to play senior football at Andover Town FC. The club is run by the College and plays Wessex League football at the Portway Stadium in Andover. This gives senior opportunities for our second year players as well as a progression route at the end of the programme.

TOPICS COVERED

- Technical and tactical skills in sport
- Sports psychology
- Talent identification and development in sport
- Analysis of sports performance
- Training and fitness programming
- Nutrition and sport performance

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc or BSc in a sport or fitness related field
- Advanced Apprenticeship in Sports Coaching

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

We recognise that players develop at different times and as a result have a tiered programme for players of all abilities. Our coaches regularly evaluate performance, giving a target to improve individual performance and move into the next tier.

SECOND CHANCE PROGRAMME

In direct partnership with AFC Bournemouth, most players in the Second Chance Programme Tier have had experience at Academy level and their programme is structured to give the best possible chance to succeed as a top flight footballer.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Players in the Development Squad have the opportunity to play in the National League Youth Alliance. The target for players in this squad is to make the necessary improvement to make the step up into the Second Chance Programme either during or at the end of the season.

COLLEGE FIRST TEAM

This programme allows players to train in a high quality, competitive environment and play at the highest level of college football in Hampshire. There are opportunities for players to progress into the Sparsholt Development Squad and to attach to external clubs for weekend football to develop further.

COLLEGE SECOND TEAM

Most of our College Second Team will take part in college football as well as gaining all the benefits of a full-time training environment.

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- FA Level 1 Certificate in Football Coaching
- Active IQ Level 2 Fitness Instructor
- Fitness Management
- Group Exercise Instructor
- Multi Sports Instructor

DURATION

Levels 1 & 2 – One year

Level 3 – Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 3 Extended Diploma

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 Diploma at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

Level 2 Diploma

Four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above, Maths and English at grade 3/D or Level 1 Diploma. You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4/C or above.

For international students, full FA/FIFA international clearance would be required prior to playing in FA-registered matches.

CAREERS

- Professional and Semi-Professional football
- Careers in coaching
- University
- Scholarships in USA
- Employment in the Sports and Leisure Industry

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc or BSc in a sport or fitness related field
- Advanced Apprenticeship in Sports Coaching

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

LEVEL 3

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Throughout the course you'll learn the practical skills and theory of climbing, mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing, amongst others.

Your first year will develop the personal skills needed before you focus on the leadership aspect of each sport. Practical industry experience is essential and in the second year you'll carry out work experience on a seasonal paid contract as an Assistant Instructor, potentially leading to further training and employment.

As part of the course you'll take part in trips and expeditions to North Wales, South Wales and Dartmoor, using our fleet of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes.

TOPICS COVERED

- Land and water based skills
- Land and water based leadership
- Expedition skills
- Outdoor and adventure activities
- Impact and sustainability in outdoor adventure
- Equipment and facilities for outdoor and adventure activities
- Principles and practices in outdoor adventure
- Alternative pursuits
- Current issues in sport

Optional Additional Qualifications:

- NICAS (National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme) Level 1, 2 and 3
- CWI (Climbing Wall Instructor) Training*
- British Canoe 1 Star, 2 Star, 3 Star Personal Awards
- Paddle sport instructor
- FSRT (Foundation Safety and Rescue Training)
- First Aid Certificate

* Additional fees may apply – contact us for more details

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Sports, leisure or outdoor industries
- Outdoor activity/education centres

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- BSc or FdSc courses in Adventure Education and Facilitation, Leisure Management, Watersports Management or Sports Coaching

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL 3

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will effectively prepare you for application and career success in the Uniformed Public Services. You'll increase your knowledge, skills, level of fitness and discipline ready for a career in the Uniformed Public Services or the private sector.

This course encompasses a range of outdoor and adventurous activities and sports based units, as well as a wide variety of public services subjects. You'll be involved in and exposed to a range of activities that will support your development and progression to employment or Higher Education, including extra-curricular trips to Bournemouth Airport Training Facility for anti terrorist combat training, as well as meeting a variety of Public Service employees to aid you in successful application to your chosen service.

TOPICS COVERED

- Leadership and teamwork
- Physical preparation for the protective services
- Land/water based skills/leadership
- Crime and its effects
- Command and control
- Citizenship

DURATION

Two years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4/C or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Emergency services (police/ambulance/fire brigade)
- Armed forces (British Army/Royal Navy/Royal Air Force)
- HM prison service
- Customs/border control
- Rescue services
- Policing
- Criminology
- Paramedic Science
- Outdoor/adventure training instructor
- Fitness instructor

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree (BSc) or Foundation Degree (FdSc) courses
- BSc Police Studies
- BSc Paramedic Science
- BSc Criminology/Forensics
- Officer Training in the Armed Forces
- Enlistment into the Uniformed Public Services

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

MONEY MATTERS

COURSE FEES

UNDER 19?

No tuition fees! If you're under 19 on 31 August in the year you start your course and are a UK or EU resident, you won't need to pay tuition fees or examination fees for your course.

Depending on your household income, you may also be able to get help towards travel, accommodation, essential equipment or childcare costs. See Financial Support section on P122 for more details.

OVER 19?

Looking to study at Level 2 or below?

Fees usually apply, but you may be eligible for free tuition, depending on the course you want to study, your existing qualifications and your financial circumstances – please contact us for more information on **01962 797280**.

Looking to study at Level 3?

Get ahead with an Advanced Learner Loan. Loan eligibility doesn't depend on your income, there are no upfront fees or credit checks.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Tuition fees may apply
- Student Visa may be required

If you have not been normally resident in the European Union (including UK) for three years before the start of your course of studies, you will need to pay international fees.

Sparsholt College Hampshire is on the UK government's Register of Education and Training Providers, and has Highly Trusted Sponsor status. Our Sponsor Licence Number (SLN) is G0J84DCF3.

For information about visa requirements and international study at Sparsholt visit sparsholt.ac.uk/international or email international@sparsholt.ac.uk

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PAYMENT

This payment contributes towards the many extra-curricular activities offered by the College and is payable by all students, whether paying tuition and examination fees or not. As a guide, the payment for 2018–19 was £79. A one-off higher payment of approximately £425 applies to our Outdoor Adventure course due to the nature of their course activities.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Fees are payable at or before enrolment, or through our interest free instalment plan. To find out more call **01962 797280**.

TALK TO US FIRST

If you are experiencing financial difficulty that may force you to withdraw your application to your chosen course please discuss your situation with the Student Finance team before making any decisions, call **01962 797267**.

REFUNDS

In normal circumstances, you will not be eligible for a refund of your fees if you withdraw from your course before you complete it. If payment is made by instalments, any outstanding amounts will continue to be taken.



GET AHEAD WITH AN ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

Advanced Learner Loan

- › DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
- › NO UPFRONT FEES
- › IMPROVE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

If you are 19 or over and thinking of improving your career options you can cover the cost of tuition fees with an Advanced Learner Loan. Repayments don't begin until you finish the course and are earning at least £25,725.

This loan can fund many Level 3 & 4 courses, including Access courses, Diplomas, Extended Diplomas and Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships. Loan eligibility doesn't depend on your income, there are no upfront fees or credit checks. What's more, if you complete an Access to HE Diploma and then go on to complete a degree you will have your Advanced Learner Loan written off.

CAN I GET THIS LOAN?

Yes, if you are:

- 19 or over on the first day of your course
- Enrolling on an eligible course at Level 3 or above, which includes: Access to HE Diplomas or other Diploma, Advanced or Higher Apprenticeships
- Living in the UK on the first day of your course and have lived in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man or three years immediately before this
- A UK national or have settled status
- An EU national

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Visit sparsholt.ac.uk and search Advanced Learner Loans or call **01962 797280**.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply to college as normal. Once you receive an offer letter complete a loan application at gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There is a range of funding available to help you attend college.

After applying for your course, you can apply for funding as part of your registration process. We will ask about your household income – including all forms of benefits except Disability Living Allowance, PIP or Child Benefit – and ask you to supply supporting documents such as P60s, wage slips, tax credit notices or self-assessment accounts.

For further information please see below or contact our Student Funding team on **01962 797267** or student.funding@sparsholt.ac.uk



SUPPORT TO STUDY BURSARY

If your household income is under £32,000, the College's Support to Study Bursary may be able to help with the costs of travel, books, equipment or any other cost which may make it difficult for you to attend college. The income threshold of £32,000 is increased by £1,600 for each dependent child living in the same house as the bursary applicant.

RESIDENTIAL BURSARY

This helps towards accommodation costs for students who need to live on-site because they are not on a travel route. If eligible, your accommodation costs will be reduced by the amount of funding awarded to you*. You can also pay the remaining balance in monthly instalments.

Generally, to qualify, you need to be living in college accommodation or have moved into rented accommodation in the area in order to study with us. There must not be similar local provision within 15 miles of your home.

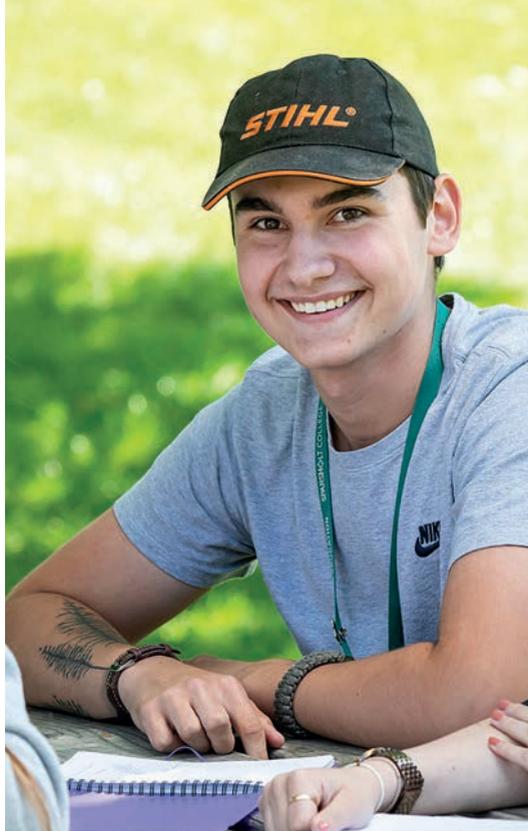
*For example, if you are a 16 year old and your household income is under £32,000, you could receive a discount of up to £3,750 on accommodation costs – or up to £4,250 if your household income is under £25,000.

CHILDCARE SUPPORT

If you're under 20 and have a child you may be eligible for help with Ofsted-registered childcare and some other college-related costs through the Care to Learn scheme. Further details can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn or from the National Careers Service.

If you're 20 or over and have a household income of less than £32,000 childcare support may be available from the College's Support to Study Funds mentioned above.

All course information is correct at time of print. However, changes may take place throughout the year and the website will hold the most up-to-date information. The College reserves the right to change or amend a course as necessary. If you require this guide in an alternative format, please contact us.



16–18 BURSARY FUND

If you're 16–18 and in care, a care leaver, in receipt of Income Support or both Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA), you're eligible for a bursary of up to £1,200 to help you meet the costs of coming to college.

FREE COLLEGE MEALS

If you're aged 16–18 (or 19–24 and with a Learning Difficulty Assessment and Education, Health and Care Plan) and you or your parents already receive certain benefits, you could also be eligible for free college meals. To check your eligibility and find out more, please visit Hampshire County Council's website: www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/furthereducation.

HOW TO FIND US

TRANSPORT

Students travel to Sparsholt from across the region, so we aim to make the journey as easy and cost effective as possible.

We'll help you find the best way to get into College, whether you're getting the train from Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton, Basingstoke or Portsmouth or the bus from across Hampshire and the county borders.

Please check the map below for your nearest location. If you need further information please contact our Transport team on **01962 797346** or visit **sparsholt.ac.uk/transport**

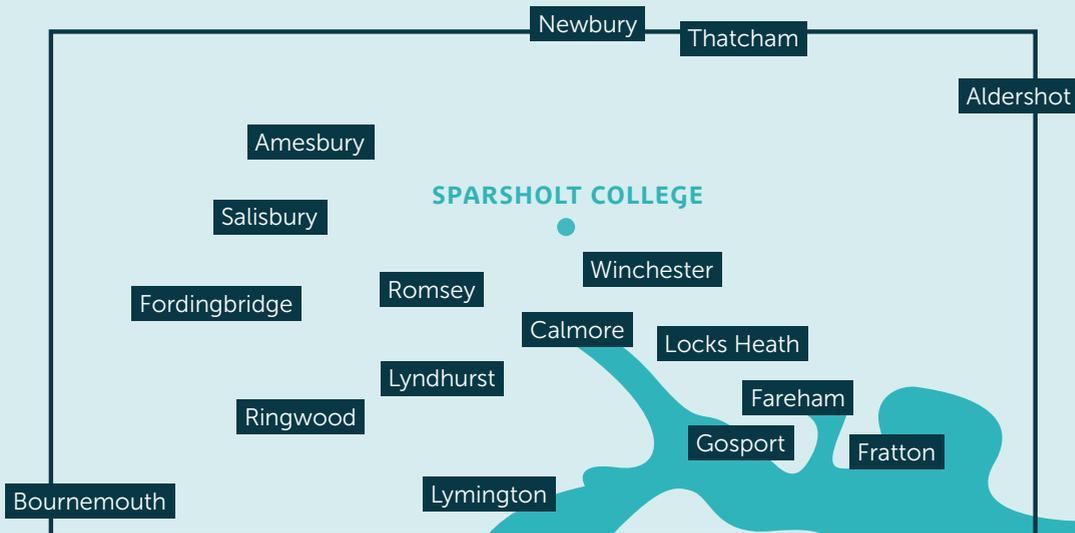


If you live further away, find out about our 'Outstanding' accommodation, and residential bursaries are also available – see more information on page 123.

CAMPUS BUS TRAVEL

We offer a range of options including Campus Bus Travel, which is our private fleet of buses that will pick up from the areas below. For those not on the campus bus routes, there are public transport options with train and connecting buses straight to campus.

We offer a range of passes which enable you to pay for your travel effectively including a combined bus and train pass. Payment for bus passes can be spread over nine months by card instalments at no extra cost. An initial deposit payment is required on application.



HELP TOWARDS TRANSPORT COSTS FOR STUDENTS

Don't forget that the College may be able to offer free or reduced cost travel!

If your household income is under £32,000 you could receive up to 50% off transport costs from the Support to Study Bursary fund, as well as being able to pay the remaining balance on a monthly basis. If your household income is under £25,000, transport costs on public and campus buses are also covered by the Support to Study Bursary fund. After applying for your course, you'll automatically be sent information on how to apply for funding as part of the registration process.

PARKING

There is parking on campus for registered vehicles.

OUR ADDRESS IS:

Sparsholt, Winchester,
Hampshire SO21 2NF



OPEN EVENTS

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

10am–2pm

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019

10am–2pm

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020

10am–2pm

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020

10am–2pm

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2020

4–7pm

THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020

4–7pm



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